



## WASHFest Is Coming!

Our annual hamfest, now in it's eleventh straight year, **WASHFest** 2006 is coming up at the end of next month on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

It seems almost routine anymore... flyers are about to go out, tables are being reserved, and all is well. Right?

Well, yes, things are on schedule, but there's still plenty to do. Steve W3SRL and the entire Hamfest Committee still need your help. Most of the "behind the scenes" pre-hamfest tasks are under control, something still always seems to come up. More importantly, we need your help on the day of the hamfest.

What needs to be done? Tables need to be set up and marked so that the vendors know where to go. Vendors will need some assistance parking, bringing in their stuff, and setting up (and in some cases, paying). Admission and prize tickets need to be sold. Someone has to walk around with the 50/50 tickets too! Parking assistance is always needed. Talk-in operators need to be standing by on the repeaters for anyone needing directions. This year, the estate of N3BM will need a hand displaying and selling the estate electronics.

And that's just what we can think of offhand. There's ALWAYS something.

So... now is the time. Let W3SRL know now what you can do, and when you can do it. Even if you can only lend a hand for an hour or two, every bit of help is needed.

It's a lot of fun (really!) and it's our big chance for the club to shine. So we're looking forward to another great event, but only with your help!

### 2 Meter Contest Almost Here!

The Sixth Annual **WASH** 2 Meter Simplex Contest will be held on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 11 PM EST. Complete rules located on Page 5.

There are no major changes from the last few years. One small change is that we've added "listening times" for CW & SSB users, so that they have an idea when other contesters will be in those band segments. Another is that we have gone back to identifying the FM simplex channels to use, as was done in the first year of the contest. There are a couple of reasons for this; some participants tried "odd" 5 and 10 kHz splits to work people, which resulted in QRM to other contest participants; and objections had been raised by members of the Western PA Repeater Council that our contest was intruding on frequencies that their band plan had reserved solely for repeater use, and did not wish simplex operation of any time on those frequencies.

Activity in the contest was very high this last year, although down from some of our peak years. So talk it up when you get a chance — mention it on local area repeaters, when you check into a net, or just when you run into another local ham in general!

Don't forget to mention that all entries (received by deadline with an SASE) will get a prize ticket to **WASHFest 2006!**

See you on 2 meters on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

### Next Meeting: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006

The next monthly meeting of the **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.** will be Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at the **Peters Township Library**, 616 East McMurray Road, McMurray, starting at 7:00 PM.

The upcoming 2 meter contest and **WASHFest 2006** plans will be discussed, along with other topics related to the new year.

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

### Presidential Words

Well it's a brand new year and **WASH** still has the same old president. That's your fault mostly but a little of mine for letting it happen, but we will make the best of it!

Of all the months of 2005, December 2005 was by far the busiest for me as President. If you subscribe to the club's reflector, you know that I have been working with Rick Bell to have the club website moved to another host. In the process of doing that I made the decision to change our domain to **n3sh.org**. I did not want to abandon **washarc.org** but we were left with no choice if we were to proceed quickly, since our old web host was not cooperating with what they needed to do. In the email where I informed the club of what was happening, I went into detail about what led me to my decision. For that reason I will not go into it here. Suffice it to say that Rick Bell is working to have a website established ASAP. Once it is online, everyone will be informed. Rick will outline the new design at the next club meeting. While Rick will design and with Randy George's assistance maintain the website, you the club members need to step up and supply content. We will discuss more at the meeting.

Another thing I have been working on is helping Randy George and Paul Lusardi secure funding for the club's tower trailer project. Randy, who works for Comcast, made me aware of some funding possibilities. I composed a letter that you will see published in this issue of the newsletter that was



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

NCS Schedule  
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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:**

- 6th Annual  
WASH 2 Meter  
Contest  
January 14th
- Amateur Radio  
Classes at  
Allegheny Co  
EOC, 6 weeks  
starting Jan 19th  
For more info  
412-466-4586 or  
ka3tdq1@aol.  
com
- WASHFest 2006  
February 26th  
\*\*\* New Date \*\*\*
- 2 Rivers ARC  
Hamfest April  
30th, 2006
- Dayton  
Hamvention  
May 19th, 20th,  
21st, 2006
- ARRL Field Day  
June 24th & 25th,  
2006

# January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Ellwood City ARA Meeting OCWA Pittsburgh Net North Hills ARC Teen Net Somerset Co ARC Net WASH FM Net	<b>2</b> Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARC Net Beaver Co Public Service Net	<b>3</b> Butler Co ARA Meeting Skyview RS Meeting WACOM Net North Hills ARC Net SATERN Net GPVHFS Swap m' Shop Net	<b>4</b> Uniontown ARC Meeting Steel City ARC Social Night Allegheny Co SKYWarn Net Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES Net	<b>5</b> WACOM Meeting RA Erie Meeting 2 Rivers ARC Net Uniontown ARC Net	<b>6</b> Elco ARS Meeting	<b>7</b> RA Erie VE Test Somerset Co ARC Breakfast Foothills ARC Breakfast NHARC Elmer Net
<b>8</b> OCWA Pittsburgh Net North Hills ARC Teen Net Somerset Co ARC Net WASH FM Net	<b>9</b> <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	<b>10</b> Foothills ARC Meeting Coke Center ARC Meeting Nitany ARC Meeting Punxsataway Area ARC Mtg Fort Venango M&KC Meeting North Hills ARC Net	<b>11</b> 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	<b>12</b> <b>WASH Meeting</b> Horseshoe ARC Meeting Beaver Valley ARA Meeting 2 Rivers ARC Net Uniontown ARC Net	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> NHARC/Breezeshooters VE 2 Rivers ARC Breakfast North Hills ARC Breakfast Quad Co ARC Breakfast NHARC Elmer Net
<b>ARRL Kid's Day</b>						<b>WASH 2 Meter Contest</b>
<b>15</b> WPRC Meeting Elk Co ARC Meeting OCWA Pittsburgh Net North Hills ARC Teen Net Somerset Co ARC Net WASH FM Net	<b>16</b> Monessen ARC Meeting Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARC Net Beaver Co Public Service Net	<b>17</b> Steel City ARC Meeting S H B P & M Meeting Tri-County CW ARC Meeting Juniata Valley ARC Meeting Chestnut Ridge ARC Meeting WACOM Net	<b>18</b> Huntington Co ARC Meeting Allegheny Co SKYWarn Net Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES Net	<b>19</b> <b>WASH VE Test</b> AR Classes at Allegheny EOC Triple "A" ARA Meeting Somerset Co ARC Meeting Greene Co ARC Meeting 2 Rivers ARC Net	<b>20</b> Quad Co ARC Meeting	<b>21</b> NHARC Elmer Net
						<b>ARRL VHF Contest</b>
<b>22</b> OCWA Pittsburgh Net North Hills ARC Teen Net Somerset Co ARC Net WASH FM Net	<b>23</b> Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARC Net Beaver Co Public Service Net	<b>24</b> Mercer Co ARA Meeting WACOM Net North Hills ARC Net WACOM Net SATERN Net GPVHFS Swap m' Shop Net	<b>25</b> Ft. Armstrong WA Meeting Steel City ARC Social Night Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES Net	<b>26</b> AR Classes at Allegheny EOC WACOM Board of Director's Meeting Uniontown ARC Net	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>WASH Breakfast</b> NHARC Elmer Net
<b>ARRL VHF Contest</b>						<b>CQ 160 CW</b>
<b>29</b> OCWA Pittsburgh Net North Hills ARC Teen Net Somerset Co ARC Net WASH FM Net	<b>30</b> Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARC Net Beaver Co Public Service Net	<b>31</b> WACOM Net North Hills ARC Net WACOM Net SATERN Net GPVHFS Swap m' Shop Net	<b>2/1</b> <i>WACOM Meeting (moved)</i> Uniontown ARC Meeting WACOM Net Allegheny Co SKYWarn Net Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES Net	<b>2/2</b> AR Classes at Allegheny EOC RA Erie Meeting 2 Rivers ARC Net Uniontown ARC Net	<b>2/3</b> Elco ARS Meeting	<b>2/4</b>
<b>CQ 160 CW</b>						
<b>W3C Special Event Station @ Washington Sports Show</b>						

## 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  
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Bill Hill W3WH  
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Media Communications Kevin DeRose N3KFD  
Allegheny Co ARES Representative Ben Williams KB3ERQ

**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](http://www.washarc.org) or [www.djernes.org/washrag](http://www.djernes.org/washrag)

# WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

## Next WASH VE Test January 19<sup>th</sup>

The Next WASH VE exam sessions will be **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
 Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
 Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
 Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 (tentative)

The last Saturday... the last day... in December this year may have brought Auld Lang Syne. But not, this month, of **the WASH Breakfast Gang**. Because of traditional low attendance after Thanksgiving, and because the December breakfast would fall on New Year's Eve, it was decided at the November meeting to cancel breakfasts for these two months and resume in January.

So we look forward to seeing all of you at the next club breakfast, **which resume** on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Thank You:** Ye editor was surprised and touched (and more than a little embarrassed) at being awarded the first Kilowatt Award at the Christmas Party. While I'm not very good at accepting these types of things (I tend to choke up), I do want to thank everyone for their continued support and for the honor. I'll try to set a high standard for next year's honoree!

**N3BM Estate Update:** "As you may be aware, Ben Moore, N3BM, became a Silent Key this fall. Ben was a fixture at local hamfests, often walking around with a 35 mm camera taking pictures of the hams at the fest. Until several years ago, Ben was always found on the HF bands. But recently he had become inactive. Ben was mad at the FCC for lowering the Morse code amateur license requirement. That may have played some role in his reduced presence on the bands.

Ben acquired a large quantity of ham gear, tubes, parts and test equipment over the years. His collection will be offered for sale at **WASHFest 2006** on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Castle Shannon VFD Memorial Hall, Grove Road at Library Road (Route 88). Ben's daughter, Patricia, will be on hand with a collection of photos and a memory book for Ben's friends to sign. Please come to **WASHFest** and take home a memory of N3BM." — *Don Merz N3RHT*

**Victory in court:** Jim WB4GCS was in the Washington Court of Common Pleas on December 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the appeal by his neighbor, who was upset that he was zoned for a 110 foot tower (on 10 acres of property). "Appellant's attorney argued that my tower constitutes a public utility transmission tower and therefore my guy anchors are subject to additional setback. (All previous arguments against granting the variance were unstated.) He stated that his client has measured the distance from the property line and that I do not comply with the additional setback. (Which means he trespassed, ignoring my Posted NO Trespassing signs. Which I've discussed with my attorney.)

The Judge questioned Appellant's attorney regarding his client's written, "I oppose ANY tower." Attorney said we're beyond that, and said that his client had tried to engage me in conversation regarding alternative locations, and no response. (FACT: In the first conversation, his proposed alternatives were illegal, in an easement for HV power lines to be built, or technically unacceptable, requiring a 300 foot tower to clear the hill and trees. I always told him to make an offer through my attorney, on the advice of my attorney. He never did)

My attorney argued that a variance wasn't really required due to an exception in the code; given that it was requested, the Zoning Board acted properly and the rules regarding public utility facilities didn't apply."

Appellant's attorney argued that since I'd applied for a variance, I was obligating myself to the "extra" rules. To which my attorney responded, "Judge, somebody at the Township told him he needed a variance, so he complied rather than argue."

Surprisingly (to many in the court), the Judge had obviously read the submissions, and was familiar with the marked-up survey I submitted to the zoning board."

Jim was notified by mail on December 22<sup>nd</sup> that "The action of the zoning board (approving my variance request) was AFFIRMED and the appeal was DISMISSED." The neighbor had about 25 days to file an appeal to the Pa Superior Court, alleging either error and/or misconduct by the judge.

Nice Christmas present indeed!

## WASH Apparel Updates!

**Dan KB3HVN & OGS Distributing are continuing to work on the upcoming web page link to permit WASH club members to order shirts, jackets, hats, and whatever direct from the club web page.**

**For more information, contact Dan & OGS Distributing at 412-655-8787**

Lightning Bolt Antennas went out of the antenna business on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Their web site is down. W9FX reported that "the lady I spoke with said they were forced to drop the antenna line as their suppliers had been purchased by larger companies that ref used to do business with companies that buy only small quantities." Most of us know Lightning Bolt Mike & his wife from their many appearances at area hamfests, including **WASHFest**, and his presence will be missed. Cubex remains in business as a seller of Quad antennas and parts... but they are also up for sale...

## WASHNet 2006 NCS Schedule

01/01	Paul NØVLR	04/02	Bell Family
01/08	Carol KB3GMN or Richie N3SBF	04/09	Bill W3WH
01/15	Kevin N3HKQ	04/16	Michael KB3HFP
01/22	Harold KB3CPI	04/23	Hank KB3FNM
01/29	Bell Family	04/30	Frank KB3FZU
02/05	Bill W3WH	05/07	Paul NØVLR
02/12	Michael KB3HFP	05/14	Carol KB3GMN or Richie N3SBF
02/19	Hank KB3FNM	05/21	Kevin N3HKQ
02/26	Frank KB3FZU	05/28	Harold KB3CPI
03/05	Paul NØVLR	06/04	Bell Family
03/12	Carol KB3GMN or Richie N3SBF	06/11	Bill W3WH
03/19	Kevin N3HKQ	06/18	Michael KB3HFP
03/26	Harold KB3CPI	06/25	Hank KB3FNM
			Alternate — Ron WN3VAW

The ARRL Foundation has announced the addition of new scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year. The Foundation now supports 48 scholarship funds.

To be eligible for an ARRL Foundation scholarship, an applicant must be an Amateur Radio licensee attending or accepted at an accredited two or four-year college or university.

Information and application forms for all ARRL Foundation-administered scholarships are available on the ARRL Foundation Web site. **Completed applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2006.**

# Minutes, November 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Paul Lusardi NØVLR, Secretary, **WASH**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Moment of silence for recently departed silent keys.

Introductions of members and guests present.

Motion to waive reading of the minutes based on the minutes appearing in the last newsletter by Bill W3WH, second by Ron WN3VAW, passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer (Mark N3RDV): Read and accepted.

Secretary (Paul NØVLR): Digital nets to restart on Tuesdays at 8:30 on an occasional basis.

VE (Jacqué N3ZNI): 2006 tests scheduled for third Thursday of January, April, July and October 2006.

Repeaters (Frank KB3FZU): Problem with missing equipment at the remote site on USX Tower discussed. Electric bill for \$25.66 presented.

FM Net (Kevin N3HKQ): Corrected schedule for first half of 2006 out and will be in the newsletter

Contests (Ted W4ZE): 2 meter contest in January. Has the old set of bandpass filters still MIA been located?

Activities (Larry K3VX): Looking for a new Field Day site since last year's site at Mingo Park has already been reserved by another group. Ed N3ZNI will be in contact with the Library Sportsmen's Club.

Quartermaster (Harold KB3CPI): waiting for equipment to be returned.

Newsletter (Ron WN3VAW): Need to get some hard copies printed to mail to former active members who have been unheard of lately. See him after meeting if anyone can help.

Ways & Means (Carol KB3GMN): Christmas party at **Calabria's** next month, no meeting at the library. Cash bar to be subsidized by the club at \$40. She needs the money by the end of the month. 50/50 at end of the meeting.

Tower Trailer Committee (Randy KB3KGP): earned another \$50 from selling wood callsign plaques at the WACOM Hamfest.

President (Kevin N3HKQ): Discussion on future of the monthly club breakfast. NØVLR moved to postpone breakfasts due to holiday conflicts until January 2006, and move it to the **Beach House** in Finleyville. Passed. Several club members will participate in International Education Week at Upper St. Clair High School by giving a 45 minute presentation on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Paul, Randy and others in the process of taking Level I EmComm course, and are looking for some assistance.

Old Business:

Discussion to be held with Bob AA3FI concerning future of the club web site, it's enhancement, and control.

N3RDV will check into QST for library.

New Business

WACOM asked to borrow the hex beam for the Washington Sportsmen's Show over the first weekend in February. Motion by Ron WN3VAW, second by Carol KB3GMN, passed.

New Officer Elections:

Nominations reopened, no additional candidates. Bob W3RJM declined nomination for Vice President/Secretary. Nominations closed.

Ron WN3VAW moved that the secretary cast one for Kevin N3HKQ for President for 2006, second by Frank KB3FZU. Passed unanimously.

Ron WN3VAW moved that the secretary cast one for Mark N3RDV for Vice President/Secretary for 2006 & 2007, second by Frank KB3FZU. Passed unanimously.

Good of the Order:

- WASHFest 2006: So far it is handled; looking for prize list
- Ron WN3VAW mentioned that Mt. Lebanon Magazine had a very positive article on Amateur Radio, highlighting several local amateurs and club members.
- Paul NØVLR offered congratulations to N3ZNI and N3ZEL on a very well

(Meeting Minutes Continued on page 8)

# WASH Spotlight: WASHFest



A crowded room, lots of good stuff, and lots of happy buyers and sellers... that's what we want to see at every **WASHFest!**

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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@njdx.com](mailto:wn3vaw@njdx.com)

Have you renewed your "Logbook of the World" certificate yet?

## 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

AA3FI	KB3IAC	N3PN	W4ZE	WASH MM	Silent Keys
AA3JS	KB3IRQ	N3QMV	W8LEV	KA3UPY	
K3JDS	KB3IVW	N3RDV	WA3JPP	WASH GA	
K3LGM	KB3IVX	N3RHT	WA3RVD	K3OL	K3EED
K3PCF	KB3KGP	N3RNK	WB4GCS	KB3IJX	KB3ENX
K3VX	KB3KOT	N3SBF	WN3VAW		KB3FQT
K3WJL	KB3LIX	N3TBK	WO3Z	WASH NE	N3FZ
KA3NMG	KC4WTT	N3VEH		NØPEU	N3KEH
KA3TWI	KE7FD	N3XI		WASH NY	N3OBD
KB3CPI	KE8RN	N3ZCG		KE3XB	N3SKR
KB3DCO	NØPEU	N3ZEL		N3YPB	N3SRC
KB3EPI	NØVLR	N3ZNI		WASH OH	N3XFE
KB3FNM	NØWPV	W3GEL		N8DPW	W3ZLK
KB3FZU	N2QIV	W3HND		WASH TX	
KB3GMN	N3AWF	W3JAF		K3LGM	
KB3GMP	N3BSQ	W3RJM		WASH VI	
KB3GMU	N3DFK	W3RWS		NP2JF	
KB3GUZ	N3HKQ	W3VFA			
KB3HVN	N3IDH	W3WH			

Through December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005

List compiled by

Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

## Announcing the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual WASH 2M Contest!

This January will mark the Sixth Annual **WASH** 2 Meter Contest. We've already had a lot of interest in it, and this year promises to be even more exciting!

Remember: In response to input from our participants, and in view of the growing popularity of radios like the Ten-Tec 6N2, IC-706 & FT-100, the contest will NOT only be an FM contest but also open to SSB, and CW! (Digital? Maybe next year!)

Everyone who participated in the last four years had a blast, and we hope to continue the tradition again this year!

There may be some additional "tweaking" of the rules between now and January, so keep an eye on this column in the next few newsletters, and we'll look forward to seeing you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

**Date & Times:** Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 7 to 11 PM EST.  
(That's January 15<sup>th</sup> 0000-0400 UTC to the purists!)

### Objectives:

- To make as many contacts as possible
- To have fun!

**Band, Mode & Frequencies:** The contest will take place solely on 2 meter band.

**FM:** FM simplex only, no repeater contacts. The FM frequencies are all standard 2 Meter simplex frequencies, as per the ARRL 2 Meter Band Plan, every **15 kHz**, from **146.535 to 146.595 MHz**, and **147.520 to 147.580 MHz**. The National Simplex Frequency, 146.520 is **not** to be used. Use of simplex frequencies in the "FM Experimental Simplex" band of 145.510 to 145.670 are not recommended. See list of recommended simplex channels at the end of the rules.

**CW:** 144.05 to 144.1 MHz Only. (See ARRL 2 Meter band plan)

**SSB:** 144.2 to 144.275 MHz Only. (See ARRL 2 Meter band plan)

*Note: Listen for CW QSO's around 144.1 MHz 15 minutes after the hour  
Listen for SSB QSO's around 144.2 MHz 30 minutes after the hour*

In the event of accidental QRM with nets and non-contest QSO's in progress, please respect their right to the frequency and QSY.

**Power Limit:** Maximum 50 watts output. No external amplifiers.

**Exchange:** Callsign, contact number, ZIP Code, and whether or not you are a Member of **WASH** or a Club Station. For the purposes of the contest, the 5 Digit ZIP Code for your location is sufficient — do not use the "Zip +4" code. Mobiles and portables should use the ZIP code of their location as determined to the best of their ability. Canadian stations will use their 6 digit postal code.

**Example 1:** "N3ZCG from N3ZEL, please copy Number 3, 15347, Member."

**Example 2:** "K3VX from K3CM, please copy Number 21, 16801, Non-Member"

**Example 3:** "W3WH from W3OC, please copy Number 7, 15137, Club Station"

**Contacts:** Work as many different calls and locations as possible, giving Exchange as noted above. Work each station **once** per mode, and **once** per ZIP Code — Mobiles can be reworked whenever they

change locations. Remember hilltops work best!

**Disqualification:** Remember, this is a friendly "for fun" contest. Stations may be disqualified for infractions of the rules and for unacceptable operating practices. While not an inclusive list, stations may be disqualified for:

- FM signals transmitted on simplex channels 146.52 MHz and below .
- Intentional interference to non-contesters, established nets, and QSO's
- Intentional interference to other contest operators
- The contest committee reserves the right to verify QSO's. QSO's that can not be verified may be removed from the log without penalty, especially if the committee is unable to obtain log information for verification.

**Scoring:** Each Contact, non WASH Member: 1 point  
WASH Member: 2 points  
(\* Club Stations: 3 Points)

Multipliers: Number of different ZIP Codes  
Power: Stations running 10 watts or less: 2  
Stations running over 10 watts: 1

Final Score: Total Points x Locations x Power

(\* **"Club Stations"** for the purposes of the contest are those calls assigned by the FCC or Industry Canada to **bona-fide** Amateur Radio Clubs. They include **N3SH, WA3SH, NP2SH, WA3COM, W3KWH, N3GC, W3PIE, K3CR, W3YA, K3HKK, W3YI, W3VC, W3PGH, W3EXW, K3MJW, NY3EC, W1AW**, etc. The call **MUST** be assigned as a Club Call to be eligible..

**After the Contest:** Fill out all the log information. In the upper left corner check whether "base" or "mobile." In the upper right corner be sure to enter your callsign and club affiliation (or "none" if not a member of any club). Please number all log sheets consecutively. Log sheets can be downloaded from the **WASH** web site, [www.washarc.org](http://www.washarc.org), no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Submit Log Sheets:** Check your log sheets carefully for dupes. Verify that all information is entered.

Send the logs to: WASH 2 Meter Simplex Contest  
c/o Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI  
60 Carl Avenue B2  
Eighty Four, PA 15330-2829

Enclose a SASE #10 for return of results.

Entry Deadline: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Each log submitted with SASE on or before the deadline will receive a raffle ticket to WASHFest 2006 on February 26<sup>th</sup>**

### Recommended FM Simplex Frequencies:

146.535 MHz	147.520 MHz
146.550 MHz	147.535 MHz
146.565 MHz	147.550 MHz
146.580 MHz	147.565 MHz
146.595 MHz	147.580 MHz

The National Simplex Frequency, 146.520, may not be used. To avoid interference to other contestants and other users of the bands, do not operate on 5 or 10 kHz "offsets" from these recognized FM channels.

## A 10 GHz Transverter Kit, In Progress



These are pictures of the 10368 MHz transverter kit I am beginning to build.

The kit is almost entirely surface mount soldered parts. At the bottom of the vial in the second picture is the smallest SMD component; a 51 ohm resistor.

Things are getting tense in the Smith household but I am counting on Jim, WB4GCS to keep me out of trouble. I am hoping to finish it in time to give a demonstration this spring.



— Kevin Smith N3HKQ



# WASH Christmas/Holiday Party Photos



Some of our "Chinese Auction" winners

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Some "Pre-Dinner" shots of club members, our guests, and some the "Chinese Auction" prizes

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The room was a touch cramped, but a good time was had by all, as usual! If you were there, hope you had a great time!

Our thanks again to Carol KB3GMN and Jacqué N3ZEL for all their hard work in putting the party together!



## WASH Kilowatt Award for 2005

Kevin Smith N3HKQ

If you attended a **WASH** club meeting late last summer you may remember me bringing in a large vacuum tube and explaining that I wanted to make an award from it. My intent was to establish an annual award that noted a **WASH** member's service to the club. I intend there to be only one rule for deciding the award winner each year; that the club president make the choice in time to present the award at our annual Christmas dinner.

At the time I requested for the club to establish the annual Kilowatt Award, I said that I already knew who I would pick for 2005. That is of course our **WASHRag** editor and past president; Ron Notarius, WN3VAW. I mentioned at the Christmas party that while Ron's work has put somewhat of a damper on his participation in some of the club's activities, he always has our monthly newsletter out every month. I know what it is to put out a newsletter because I was WACOM's newsletter editor for two years. It always seems like it is time to put another one out. You have the feeling that you just put a newsletter out; it can't be time already for another one. Ron never complains, but I know that thought has to run through his mind at times.

But Ron's work does not end with the newsletter. He also is our chief liaison with the Western PA Section of the ARRL and the Pennsylvania QSO Party. Ron also organizes our annual 2-meter contest. I think you will all agree with me that considering all that I've mentioned, Ron Notarius is the obvious choice to be the first recipient of the **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS** annual Kilowatt Award for 2005.

Congratulations Ron and thanks for all you do for the club.



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## ARRL: Response to VA BPL Complaints "Illusion of Resolution"

NEWINGTON, CT, December 19, 2005 — In a strongly worded letter to the FCC, the League has once again asked the Commission to shut down the Manassas, Virginia, BPL system because it's still causing harmful interference to Amateur Radio and otherwise does not comply with FCC Part 15 rules. Today's letter from ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay was in response to a November 30 letter from Spectrum Enforcement Division Chief Joseph Casey, who suggested further cooperation between the complaining radio amateurs and the city-owned BPL system. Imlay said it's no longer productive to hold more meetings and discussions about ongoing interference while "this hopelessly flawed BPL system" is allowed to continue operating.

"These meetings have not produced any solution to the interference problem but have, instead, created the illusion that the problem is being addressed," Imlay wrote. Complaints from Manassas radio amateurs of interference from the BPL system date back to early 2004. "This system should have been taken off the air long ago, pending reconfiguration or re-engineering of it," he added, "and the only operating that it should be doing is for purposes of interference testing."

Communication Technologies (COMTek) operates the BPL system over the municipally owned electric power grid using Main.net equipment on frequencies between 4 MHz and 30 MHz. The League said the FCC has not discharged its "most fundamental obligation" to prevent or resolve interference issues involving the Manassas system, which, the League charged, only remains operating "because the Commission, for political reasons, has consistently refused to enforce its rules with respect to BPL,"

Continuing a "dialogue" with the victims of the BPL interference is "an avoidance tactic" that neither the League nor its members in Manassas will tolerate. "The only solution at this late date is to order that the Manassas system, which is an unlicensed system of RF devices permitted to operate only on a non-interference basis, cease operation, save for interference testing," Imlay declared.

The Part 15 BPL rules the FCC adopted in October 2004 require a BPL operator informed of harmful interference to "investigate the reported interference and resolve confirmed harmful interference . . . within a reasonable period," Imlay pointed out. "No reasoned examination of this case could produce a finding that this rule has been complied with in Manassas," he added.

Imlay says that at a December 13 meeting, COMTek and the City of Manassas "openly acknowledged the interference to amateur stations" but

claimed that until a month or so earlier, they had been unable to "notch" amateur allocations because they didn't yet have the equipment to do so.

"This explains why, after COMTek and Manassas claimed earlier that they had notched certain amateur bands the complaining amateurs continued to notice unabated interference when they would operate mobile within the area," the League asserted. "By the admission of COMTek, the capability of reducing interference in this system does not exist."

Previous meetings between the complaining radio amateurs and the BPL operator "produced no measurable results," Imlay contended, referring to the response of Donald Blasdel, W4HJL, to Casey on December 9. At one point in the system, interference was reported at S9 plus 40 dB on typical ham gear. "That level precludes virtually all Amateur Radio communications," he asserted.

Imlay further took the opportunity to again point out that the Manassas BPL system is out of compliance with §15.615(a) because its operator failed to provide full information to the public BPL database by the November 19 deadline.

"ARRL again requests that the BPL facility at Manassas, Virginia, be instructed to shut down immediately," the League's letter concluded, "and that it not resume operation unless the entire facility is shown to be in full compliance with Commission rules regarding radiated emissions; with the non-interference requirement of Section 15.5 of the Commission's rules; and not in any case until thirty days subsequent to full compliance with Section 15.615(a) of the rules."

The new BPL "Interference Resolution Web Site" provided by the United Power Line Council (UPLC) and the United Telecom Council (UTC) opened in mid-October.

Field tests conducted by Manassas radio amateurs established that the city's BPL system "was an interference generator at distances of hundreds of feet from the modems on overhead power lines," the ARRL told the FCC October 13. "It was also, incidentally, determined that the system was susceptible to interference from nearby radio transmitters operating between 4 and 20 MHz," the League added.

Manassas formally inaugurated its citywide deployment of the high-speed Internet BPL system in early October, touting it as "the first large-scale commercial BPL deployment in North America." The city receives a portion of BPL subscriber revenues to offset its costs of installing and maintaining the system. — *courtesy of the American Radio Relay League*

Effective January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006, despite the protests and the efforts of Radio Amateurs of Canada, the Canadian Amateur Service will lose the 220 - 225 MHz portion of the 220 - 225 MHz band.

Details are contained in Canada Gazette Notice DGTP-004-05, available on the Industry Canada web site at:

<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/sf08494e.html>

Send comments to: rachq@rac.ca

— KC8VWM

"Electricity is actually made up of extremely tiny particles called electrons, that you cannot see with the naked eye, unless you have been drinking."

— Dave Barry

## YASME Foundation Supports Young Contesters at WRTC-2006

Because radio contesting needs to attract and support youth, the YASME Foundation announces a donation of \$10,000 to WRTC-2006 ([www.wrtc2006.com](http://www.wrtc2006.com)) in support of youth participation. These funds will be used to help Young Contesters from around the world attend and participate in WRTC-2006, to be held in Florianopolis, Brazil in July 2006.

WRTC-2006 has dedicated three two-person team allocations to Young Contesters teams. Additional Young Contesters may participate as part of multi-operator teams. We encourage young amateurs with a strong interest in contesting to make their applications for those positions by 20 Jan 2006.

The qualifications and criteria for Young Contesters to apply to multi-operator teams will be announced shortly. While the multi-operator teams will operate at existing stations in Brazil, Young Contesters qualifying for the WRTC2006 competitor teams are expected to bring their own equipment.

— 73, Ward Silver NØAX

N3KS and K3LP activated KP5 Desecheo Island in mid-December. They allegedly had permission from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to be on the island, as part of a communications project team. They were supposed to have a minimum of 48 hours to operate.

KP5/K3LP and KP5/N3KS were QRV on 16 December. Within 2 days, F&WS Police arrived with orders for them to go QRT, which they did by 19 December. As of publication deadline, no further information has been made available. ARRL is awaiting documentation to see if this operation will count for DXCC

— various sources including NJDXA DX News & W3UR

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done 2006 WACOM Hamfest. (applause)

- Mark N3RDV reminded everyone that he needs an application with 2006 dues, even if it just says "same as last year." This way he knows who sent in a renewal, as opposed to money for other purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

(Presidential Words Continued from page 1)

issued to two different branches of Comcast by Randy. The next thing we knew, I was asked to fill out a Comcast vendor profile including the names of the officers of the club and an address to send a check. (Ron, I used your address so don't be surprised if you get a check rather than a cable bill from Comcast. No kidding, this could happen!) This places a little more responsibility on us to move on this project after the **WASHFest**. We will need to make good on our idea of being an emergency communications responder. That will need some thoughtful discussion in our club meetings.

Finally, I spent the middle two weeks of December completing the ARRL sponsored ECOM I course that quite a few other club members are taking concurrently. The deadline to finish was December 30, 2005 so I hope we all made it. Fortunately for me I had quite a bit of vacation time to burn and it allowed me to take the entire course inside of 3 weeks. To the best of my knowledge I passed so it's on to the second course sometime in the spring.

Amongst all of that, shopping for Christmas, visiting relatives, and seeing a movie or two, I made 23 QSO's over three different satellites and began to build my X-band transverter. It was a busy and productive month, too bad I had to go back to work.

I look forward to being your President again in 2006 and hope that we can accomplish a lot while having fun. Happy New Year!

— 73, Kevin Smith N3HKQ

President, Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc.  
N3SH / WA3SH / NP2SH/B

## Silent Keys



Albert C. Rodibaugh K3WNY, 85, Brentwood, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Bill Fleming of KDKA AM & Magic 97 FM, 67, Dormont December 22<sup>nd</sup>

## DX News Briefs



As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 the new address for the **ARRL Third Call Area Incoming QSL Bureau** is: National Capitol DX Association, P. O. Box 1149, Clinton, MD 20735-5149. The bureau's web site is <http://www.qsl.net/ncdxa>.

After 11 years at the bureau's helm, Bureau Manager Mary-Ann Crider, WA3HUP has retired as Bureau Manager. For her stellar service she received the ARRL President's Award for 2005.

There will be further details forthcoming on both the ARRL and NCDXA Web Sites in the next few days. Users of the Bureau have nothing to be concerned about; most of the current sorters are remaining in their positions and new sorters have been found for all vacant sorting positions. — K3ZO, Manager, Third Area Incoming QSL Bureau.

K3ZO also recommends that DX'ers maintain envelopes on file with \$.63 worth of postage each (enough for 14 cards). More postage on this means that the envelopes tend to sit longer before they are filled. Maximum postage should be no more than \$1.35, enough for 44 cards per envelope; stuffing envelopes more could mean that USPS automation damages or destroys envelopes. 5 x 7½ envelopes are encouraged because cards don't move around as much during mailing as they do in larger envelopes. More information available on the NCDXA web site — w3vav

The Indian National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR) will be hosting a hamfest at Port Blair, Andaman Islands (**VU4**) 18—20 April. In addition to the "traditional" hamfest features, they also plan on permitting "foreign" hams to operate from VU4! Interested individuals should contact NIAR at [niarhamfest@gmail.com](mailto:niarhamfest@gmail.com). More information available at [http://www.niar.org/hf\\_vu4\\_06.html](http://www.niar.org/hf_vu4_06.html) — NIAR, 425 DX News

WV2B has established an on-line "museum" for **CY9** Dxpdition QSL cards. He is trying to show one card from each trip to the island. The cards can be viewed at [www.stpaulisland.net/cy9qslmuseum.html](http://www.stpaulisland.net/cy9qslmuseum.html) — WV2B, AD1C

Look for **6W/G4WFQ** on all bands 160-10, mainly CW & RTTY with some SSB, from 4—17 February. QSL via G3SWH — G3SWH

Look for **FG/NØYY** from 13—21 February, including the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via K9JS — K9JS, OPDX

Don't forget that a team led by K3VX & W3WH will be heading to **VP2M** Montserrat next month and will be QRV in the ARRL DX CW contest! QSL via N3ZNI — VP2MVX, VP2MWH

## QSL Routes

4S7BRG via HB9BRM — DE1DXX  
5H1JCH via DJ8NK — KU4BP  
5TØJL via ON8RA — W2IRT  
5Z4DZ via PA1AW — WA3FRP  
6W1SA via F4BIT — DE1DXX  
9G5A via DL4WK — WA3FRP  
9G5OO via DL4WK — W9OL  
9G5TF via DJ6TF — KZ2I  
9J2BO via G3TEV — K3WI  
9M2CNC via G4ZFE — DE1DXX  
9R2CV via I2YDX — DE1DXX  
A35XM via DL8YRM — KA2BZS  
A52JO via 9N7JO — DE1DXX  
AN6IB via EA6AOK — K17WO  
BV9G, BV9O via BV8BC — W9IXX  
D7ØYT via HL5BDD — G3SWH  
DXØK via 4F2KWT — JJ1BDX  
EA6IB via EA6FB — W1TW  
FK8GJ via F6CXJ — W2IRT  
HKØGU via DL7VOG — W9IXX  
HKØOEP via WC4H — K14RU  
IU4HQ via I2MQP — DE1DXX  
J68AS via N9AG — KA2BZS  
J79WW via N4USA — PT7WA  
KH5/KH6ND via K2PF — W9OL  
KHØAM via JE1CKA — JQ2GYU  
MD/K1JB via K1JB — DE1DXX  
NP4A via W3HNK — W2IRT  
P4ØQX via KE9I — WS1V  
P4ØTA via WM6A — W2IRT  
PJ5NA via K1NA — W2IRT  
RK2FWA via DK4VW — W2IRT  
S79RRC via RZ3EC — VE3EXY  
ST2NH via EA7FTR — DE1DXX  
T88YU via JQ2GYU — W2IRT  
T99T via 9A2AA — DE1DXX  
TU8/F5LPY via F5LPY — K9MM  
TXØP via F6AUS — KZ2I  
TZ5A via G3SXW — JJ1BDX  
UA2FX via DK4VW — W2IRT  
UEØISL via RWØIZ — VE3EXY  
UN8PO via UN5PR — W7LPF  
UP5P via UN5PR — W7LPF  
VC9W via VE1RGB — DE1DXX  
V15BR via VK3QI — W9IXX  
VP2ECM via N1WON — W2IRT  
XW8KPL via RU3DX — WC6DX  
YE7P via IZ8CCW — DE1DXX  
ZC4LI via 5B4AHA — KZ2I  
ZD8R via N6ND — WA3FRP  
ZF1A via W5ASP — WS1V  
ZS1EL via K4EL — W2IRT

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## FCC News

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

*Newington, CT, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005* — The US Senate confirmed the White House nomination of Republican Deborah T. Tate and the reappointment of Democrat Michael J. Copps to the FCC. Tate, 49, most recently served as director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. She will fill out the remainder of the term of former FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell, which expires June 30, 2007. Powell departed the FCC last March.

A former Senate staffer, Copps, 65, has been on the Commission since 2001. His new term will expire in 2010. Under Powell's successor, Chairman Kevin J. Martin, a Republican, the FCC has been operating with four members for most of 2005 and with just three members since the December 9<sup>th</sup> departure of Republican Kathleen Q. Abernathy. News reports say the Senate approved the nominations of Tate and Copps by voice vote during a late-night session December 21<sup>st</sup>. President George W. Bush still must fill the remaining opening on the five-member FCC with a Republican nominee to succeed Abernathy, who never was appointed to a full term.



During confirmation hearings before the Senate Commerce Committee earlier this month, Tate reportedly offered few specifics on key issues facing the FCC but touted herself as a mediator. Copps said his objective would be to "help bring the best, most accessible, and cost-effective communications system in the world to all of our people" wherever they live and whatever their status.

The FCC has announced that routine processing of Amateur Radio vanity call sign applications will resume January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The Wireless Telecommunication Bureau (WTB) suspended vanity processing in September as an indirect result of its action to extend regulatory and filing deadlines affecting licensees in parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas and Florida directly impacted by hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

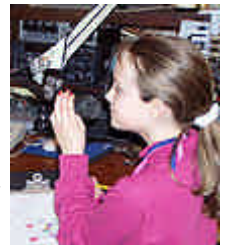
The Commission said licensees or applicants needing relief beyond the initial extension periods should follow the process for submitting waiver requests provided in §1.925 of the Commission's rules. "The Bureau will consider additional relief related to the hurricanes on a case-by-case basis," the FCC said December 19<sup>th</sup> in a public notice.

During the extension periods, the WTB temporarily suspended certain automated licensing functions. These included dismissing applications that are returned and not amended on a timely basis, changing the status of a call sign from active to expired if a license is not renewed within the two-year grace period for Amateur Radio licensees, and issuing vanity call signs.

## First Kid's Day of 2006 January 8<sup>th</sup>

The American Radio Relay League

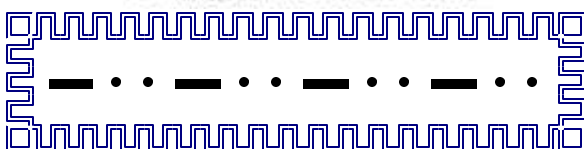
The second Sunday in January is the day to turn your shack over to the kids for some ham radio fun with a purpose. The first running of Kids Day 2006 begins Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1800 UTC and continues until 2400 UTC with no limit on operating time (the second Kids Day will be Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>). Kids Day provides a terrific opportunity to show youngsters what Amateur Radio is all about--and that includes its role in emergency communication. ARRL Education and Technology Program ("The Big Project") Coordinator Mark Spencer, WA8SME, says Kids Day can be a great opportunity spark change and get kids and families thinking about emergency preparedness.



"While you are coaching the youngsters who visit your shack — and their parents too — on how to make contacts and new friends via ham radio during Kids Day, why not take a few moments to ask them about their family's plans to deal with emergency challenges?" he says in December 2005 QST ("Kids Day 2006," page 45). "Why not use the opportunities offered by Kids Day to show the youth in your neighborhood that ham radio can be loads of fun, and that ham radio is a way that they can contribute something very valuable to their communities?"

Call "CQ Kids Day." The suggested exchange for Kids Day contacts is first name, age, location and favorite color. It's okay to work the same station more than once if the operator has changed. Suggested frequencies are 14.270-14.300, 21.380-21.400 and 28.350-28.400 MHz. Contacts via VHF repeaters are okay too, with permission from the repeater owner. Observe third-party traffic restrictions when making DX QSOs.

All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate, which becomes the youngster's personalized "sales brochure" for ham radio. The League asks everyone taking part in Kids Day to complete a short survey and post comments afterward. Doing this provides access to download the certificate page, or participants can send a 9x12 self-addressed, stamped envelope to Boring Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1357, Boring, OR 97009.



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# WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.

## Membership Application/Renewal for 2006



I would like to join WASH!. I am interested in the following type of membership:  **New Membership**  **Membership Renewal**

(check quarter \_\_\_\_\_) →

(check one !)

**1st Qtr**  
**Jan-Mar**       **2nd Qtr**  
**Apr-Jun**       **3rd Qtr**  
**Jul-Sept**       **4th Qtr**  
**Oct-Dec**

- (F1) Full Membership: \$20.00      \$15.00      \$10.00      \$5.00
- (F2) Full Membership < 18 or > 65 yrs of age: \$10.00      \$7.50      \$5.00      \$2.50
- (A1) Associate Membership: \$10.00      \$7.50      \$5.00      \$2.50

(FM1) Family Membership (F1 or F2 or A1 dues x 20% x No. of household family members): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

License Class: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires On: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

New Members Only:

I do NOT want to be added to the Club E-Mail Reflector

I do NOT want to be added to the Electronic Newsletter Mailing List

[If you have an Email address, you Will be added to both lists UNLESS you choose to Opt-Out]

ARRL Member?  Yes  No Family ARRL Member?  Yes  No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check or money order payable to the club treasurer, Mark Stabryla. The Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject new memberships or renewals. Please return completed membership form along with check/money order to the club treasurer or mail to:

WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.  
c/o Mark Stabryla N3RDV, VP/Treasurer  
1120 McKnight Drive  
Bethel Park, PA 15102-2456



## Join the American Radio Relay League or Renew Your Membership through the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.



Members of the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS can start a new membership or renew an existing membership in the American Radio Relay League, the National Organization of Radio Amateurs, through the club. Benefits for you: Joining and participating in everything the League has to offer, including a QST subscription. Benefits for the club: A few more shekels for our coffers.

Just fill out the form below, include a check or money order made out to WASH/ARRL, and return all to the club treasurer or mail to:

WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.  
c/o Mark Stabryla N3RDV, VP/Treasurer  
1120 McKnight Drive  
Bethel Park, PA 15102-2456

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check the Appropriate One-Year Rate:

- \$39 in US
  - Age 65 or older, \$36 in US
  - Age 21 or younger, \$20 in US (only if you are the oldest licensed amateur in your household)
  - Canada \$49
  - Elsewhere \$62
  - Other (including Blind, Life, QST by First Class Postage — please contact ARRL for rate  
Dues subject to change without notice)
  - Additional Family Members at the same address (\$8 per family member)
- Name & Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_
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**All this & much more... waiting for your right inside these pages!!!**



## "I Won!"

Annette NØWPV had a huge smile on her face after winning this scarf and hat at the Chinese Auction during the **WASH** Christmas / Holiday Party. She said it was the first time that she ever won "anything!"

Congratulations!

More photos from the party inside

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