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WASHFest Wraps

Well the ice has melted and the bills are all counted, and yet another *WASHfest* is on the books. As I looked out my bedroom window at about 3 AM that miserable Sunday morning my hopes for another sell-out crowd were dashed by the sound of the sleet on my window and the township's salt trucks making their rounds. I headed back to bed for another couple of hours of



Think our main prize winner, Chuck N3UUZ, is happy? Photo courtesy of & ©Copyright 2007 Carol Danko KB3GMN

restless napping. At that moment I was dead certain that this year's event was doomed to fail because of the crappy weather. And I was dead wrong.

True, there were some last-

minute vendor cancellations and the overall attendance was down slightly from past years, but we held it and they came. And those who braved the elements to attend the Twelfth Annual *WASHfest* seems to be a merry, if not stout-hearted bunch. I'm certain that the FREE coffee and doughnuts and Jack's yummy food didn't have anything to do with the generally happy demeanor over near the kitchen. Naaah, couldn't be! But came they did, and a good time was had by all, that's the bottom line.

It's hard to believe that it has been more than twelve years since I first brought the idea of holding a winter hamfest to the club membership. I hadn't even been licensed a year, I had just moved to the South Hills a few months earlier, and most of the membership didn't know me from Adam. My vision was to hold an event that would benefit the local ham community, provide an excuse for folks to get out of the house on a cold winter day to chew the fat a bit. If we could make a few bucks' profit for the club in the process, that would be a bonus. For the past twelve years we somehow seem to have succeeded on all counts.

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Presidential Words

There has been a lot going on since last month. February 23rd was the last day of the Morse Code Requirement. On Saturday, February 24th, WACOM held a VE session in Washington, and boy what a turn out!! Lots of people were starting their HAM ticket, others upgrading to general and some doing paper upgrades. All in all, we had a great time and I hope this encourages more people to join our great hobby.



On February 25th, came freezing rain and our annual *WASHFest*. We had a decent turnout given the inclement weather that carried its way into the Pittsburgh late Saturday night. Even though we didn't earn as much money as last year, all of the *WASHFest* expenses were recovered, and we made a few dollars too!

I would like to thank Steve, W3SRL for giving us yet another great *WASHFest*. Also, I would like to thank Bill W3WH for the coffee and donuts, Carol KB3GMN and Richie N3SBF for pulling together the 50/50 and the door prizes, Ron W3WN for talk-in, Mark N3RDV for running the front door, and everyone who helped out at the front door and club table during the day.

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Next Meeting: March 8th, 2007

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

WASHFest 2007 wrap-up, the Tower Trailer project, Field Day, AMSAT Symposium & **Pizza Consumption** will be amongst the topics of the evening.

Talk-in on the 146.955(-) N3RNX/R and 443.650(+) N3FB/R Repeaters (131.8 PL). All members, guests and interested parties invited!

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Since this was my last year as *WASHfest* Chairman, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who helped not only this year, but in years' past with the dozens of tasks and assignments that each contribute to the smooth running of the hamfest. I have always maintained that it is the membership and the many friends of the club that make this event happen, and my hat is off to all of you. Rest assured, the *WASHfest* is in good hands, with our own Kevin Smith, N3HKQ assuming the chairmanship for the hamfest effective immediately, with the assistance of a steering committee from the club membership to assist him. Thank you Kevin, for stepping up to the challenge. It is time for new leadership and new ideas, and I'm certain that Kevin has some surprises up his sleeve for the future.

The end of every *WASHfest* is always sort of sad for me, no matter how much fun it was while it was in full swing. Suddenly the hall is all but empty and only the litter and unclaimed junk is left behind. One memory I'll always have of the *WASHfest* is the emptiness of suddenly finding myself in the middle of that big, empty room as the last of the vendors pack up their stuff and load their trucks. The faithful few club members who are always there until the last dog is hung (figuratively speaking!) just about have to be pried out of the hall at closing time and the hired cleanup crew is already busy at work folding tables and chairs and generally getting the place ready for the next big event to follow. Several years ago I used this same song in my post-hamfest musings, but I dusted it off again this year and wanted to share with you one of my favorite "classic rock" songs that pretty much describes my mood after every *WASHfest* is put to bed: "*The Load-Out*" by Jackson Browne:

*Now the seats are all empty
Let the roadies take the stage
Pack it up and tear it down
They're the first to come and the last to leave
Working for that minimum wage
They'll set it up in another town
Tonight the people were so fine
They waited there in line
And when they got up on their feet they made the show
And that was sweet -
But I can hear the sound
Of slamming doors and folding chairs
And that's a sound they'll never know*

*Now roll them cases out and lift them amps
Haul them trusses down and get 'em up them ramps
'Cause when it comes to moving me*

*You guys are the champs
But when that last guitar's been packed away
You know that I still want to play
So just make sure you got it all set to go
Before you come for my piano*

*But the band's on the bus
And they're waiting to go
We've got to drive all night and do a show in Chicago
Or Detroit, I don't know
We do so many shows in a row
And these towns all look the same
We just pass the time in the hotel rooms
And wander 'round backstage
Till those lights come up and we hear that crowd
And we remember why we came*

*Now we got country and western on the bus
R and B, we got disco in eight track and cassettes in*

*stereo
We got rural scenes and magazines
We got truckers on the C.B.
We got Richard Pryor on the video
We got time to think of the ones we love
As the miles roll away
But the only time that seem too short
Is the time that we get to play*

*People you got the power over what we do
You can sit there and wait
Or you can pull us through
Come along, sing the song
You know you can't go wrong
'Cause when that morning sun comes beating down
You're going to wake up in your town
But we'll be scheduled to appear
A thousand miles away from here*

Thank you all, for making the *WASHfest* what it is today. YOU GUYS are the champs!

— 73, Steve Lane W3SRL
Founder & Co-Chairman
WASHFest 2007

WASH 2007 OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President	Randy George N3ZK
VP / Secretary	Frank Bobro KB3FZU
VP / Treasurer	Mark Stabryla N3RDV

AND WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT:

N3SH / WA3SH Trustee	Steve Lane W3SRL
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<i>AMSAT Symposium</i> Coordinators	Pat Sanford KC4WTT Kevin Smith N3HKQ
<i>WASHFest 2008</i> Committee	Kevin Smith N3HKQ, Chairman
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Ways & Means	Carol Danko KB3GMN
Mobile Tower Project	Paul Lusardi NØVLR Randy George N3ZK

CLUB-AFFILIATED REPEATERS, BEACONS, & DIGIPEATERS:

Mt. Lebanon	N3RNX / R	146.955 MHz (-)	PL 131.8
Mt. Lebanon	W3SRL / R	442.550 MHz (+)	PL 131.8
Canonsburg	N3FB / R	443.650 MHz (+)	PL 131.8
St. Johns, VI	NP2SH / B	28.276 MHz	Propagation Beacon
Canonsburg	N3SH	144.390 MHz	APRS Digipeater

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 N3FB/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 Glen Roberts KE7FD of The Internet Guild for his assistance in providing space on-line for our website for back issues of "*The WASHRag*"™ which can be found at www.washrag.info

WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test April 19th

The Next WASH VE exam sessions will be Thursday, April 19th, 2007, 1:00 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, July 19th, 2007
 Thursday, October 18th, 2007
 Thursday, January 17th, 2008
 Thursday, April 17th, 2008

CONGRATULATIONS to our **WASHFest 2007** Main Prize Winners:

- 1st Prize** Yaesu FT-897 **Chuck Davis N3UUZ**
- 2nd Prize** MFJ-269 Antenna Analyzer **Christal Beatty KB3XXM**
- 3rd Prize** Yaesu VX-7R Quad-Band **Ralph Bliss KB3LBB**

Saturday, February 24th was not only **WASHFest 2007** prep day, but the monthly meeting of the **WASH Breakfast Gang** at **The Beach House** in Finleyville. Once again, they had tables ready for us to sit together... and once again, we overfilled our corner of the room (more on that in a moment) courtesy of W3VFA, KB3NAF, W8LEV, K3HCR, N3HKQ & Peg, N3RNX, W3WN, KB3FNM & Mary Lou, W3WN, K3VX, N3FB, KB3GMU, KC4WTT and W3SRL. Topics of the morning covered worries about **WASHFest** weather conditions, pets, ARF, wooden call signs and the machines that make them, moving to NC, the Tower Trailer, snow and ice, basement leaks, Apache web servers, *Ruby on Rails* pluggins, Sharpie suits, and quite a bit more.

Our next breakfast will be here before you know it, so come early and get a seat at the main tables — we're limited to how many we can put together due to fire safety restrictions, but there's still plenty of room at the surrounding tables if we need it! So, please join us for the next club breakfast, on Saturday, March 24th, 8:00 AM at **The Beach House**, Library Road / Route 88 in Finleyville, just south of Trax Farms and adjacent to Mineral Beach. See you there!

2007 Amateur Radio Night at PNC Park: You've heard about it at **WASHFest**, you've seen the flyers, you've read the information on Page 10. There's been a LOT of interest from club members and other area amateur radio operators about going to the ballgame on June 30th! Why that date? Home game, no major contests or events, start of a long 4th of July weekend for many (so no worries about staying up late)... it just all came together. And it's a lot of fun to go out and do something as a group, even if it's not directly radio related! We hope that if you're interested, you'll follow through and pick up some tickets!

On a personal note, Ye Editor wishes to thank everyone who treated our guests from the Pirates so well at **WASHFest**. The word back from Chaz was that he truly enjoyed the experience, and that he never knew how many of us were into radio! (Hmmm... a new ham perhaps?) And as many of you know, Chaz's assistant Paul (seen with Chaz on Pg. 10) is also known as my son Buddy... and despite that... no, no wisecracks this time. I'm very proud of him, and it was really great seeing how well he can do in sales and salesmanship... and he'd better not end up at a used car lot... (ok, one wisecrack, don't tell his mother) So, I'm counting on you to help make this a really great event!

News from AA3FI: Most of us haven't heard too much from *USAirways* bus driver & our former web-master in the recent past because of his busy schedule, but Bob passes on the following: "I'm working on a masters in IT and have 5 courses to go. Have been concentrating on IT and really enjoying it. Sam (AA3JS) is still at CMU and Jacqueline (N3ZCG) is headed to PSU this fall to study architecture. I get on 2 meters every now and then but everyone is new!"

WASHNet 2007 NCS Schedule

03/04	Frank KB3FZU	05/13	Dave N3DFK
03/11	Dave N3DFK	05/20	Bill W3WH
03/18	Bill W3WH	05/27	Kevin N3HKQ
03/25	Kevin N3HKQ	06/03	Harold K3HCR
04/01	Harold K3HCR	06/10	Carol KB3GMN or Richie N3SBF
04/08	Carol KB3GMN or Richie N3SBF	06/17	Michael KB3HFP
04/15	Michael KB3HFP	06/24	Hank KB3FNM
04/22	Hank KB3FNM		
04/29	Paul NØVLR	Alternates	
05/06	Frank KB3FZU		Dave N3IDH Ron W3WN

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Special thanks goes out to Harold K3HCR for running to his house and re-printing the N3FJP door prize certificate that I forgot to bring with me!! If I missed anyone, thank you to you and everyone who helped bring this event together.

Next year Kevin N3HKQ will be taking over as Chairman for **WASHFest**, as Steve W3SRL is retiring after founding the event 12 years ago. I am looking forward to see what next year brings us.

Membership Dues are due by the 31st of March. No exceptions. If you haven't paid by March 31st, you will be removed from the club roster, website and any classifieds you are advertising will be removed. Please don't make us do that!

Contests this month include the ARRL International DX SSB Contest, North American Sprint RTTY Contest, BARTG Spring RTTY Contest, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest and many, many more.

Trailer Update: We have the trailer, we have the tower and we have a build committee to erect the tower onto the trailer. We will be using blueprints from an Alumia Tower trailer design. We will be modifying it to meet our needs and safety requirements. Once the weather breaks, we will be relocating the trailer inside Paul NØVLR's garage for investigation. We will be removing the trailer floor to see how we are going to weld out-rigger supports to the frame.

Money, money, money. We need money to complete project. This is our biggest problem. I have exhausted myself in raising money. Others in the club have donated more than once, twice or even three times. In order to build, we need money. We are months away from Field Day 2007. We need this trailer up and operation for that event. It has been 2 years since this project has started and I'd like to see it pay off now. We have approx. \$128.00 in the tower trailer fund. I am estimating this phase of the project to be around 500.00 - \$600.00 dollars. I will be contacting local steel supply companies to get estimates on steel tubing.

Let's bring this project together. We're almost there!
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New Hampshire-based US antenna manufacturer Cushcraft has been sold to UK based Laird Group PLC, described as an "electronics, security systems, and distribution group." The sale price was announced as \$89 Million. There is no word yet on what, if any, impact this will have on Cushcraft's Amateur Radio antenna business.

Join WASH or Renew your Membership for 2007 Today! Membership Application on Page 11!

Minutes, January 11th Meeting

Frank Bobro N3FB, Vice President/Secretary, **WASH**

Randy, N3ZK, **called** the meeting **to order** at 19:02 hours. There were 23 members and guests in attendance.

A **moment of silence** was observed for recent silent keys and other deserving persons.

Committee reports:

Treasurer (N3RDV): Mark was not present, but he sent an email that reported the club's account balances. There are some outstanding expenses related to the ham fest that were also detailed.

Secretary (N3FB): A motion was made to **accept the minutes** of the January meeting as published in the January newsletter. Carol, KB3GMN, motioned and Larry, K3VX, seconded. The motion was voted on and passed.

Tower Trailer Committee (N3ZK): Randy gave a recap of amounts raised to date and the goal. We need money for building materials. The status of the project is that the tower and the trailer have arrived. Currently Gary, KB3Guz, is working on the engineering aspects of the tower and trailer's support structure. We need a "Build Team" Committee. Randy asked if there were any volunteers. Dick, N3QMV, Larry, K3VX, Kevin, N3HKQ, Dan, KB3HVN, and Don, KB3NAF, volunteered for the Build Team committee. We would like to have the tower connected to the trailer, safe and ready to be erected by the end of April.

VE Report (N3ZEL): Jacque sent in a report via e-mail. There is a VE exam scheduled in Washington on the day after the new rules go into effect; February 24th at 1 PM in the Washington County EOC.

Randy has also obtained a "Club" copy of Ham University for the use of the members. If anyone wishes to use it, let Randy know.

N3FJP software has been obtained for a ham fest door prize.

Website (N3ZK): The N3SH site is up and running with no problems. It has had lots of hits since we started, at least 4,000. The old web address of www.washarc.org was available for purchase. It has been reserved, but it can take up to 75 days to acquire it from the previous holder. Randy asked if there were any suggestions for improvements to the website.

Randy would like to schedule a few more VE exam sessions for our club to sponsor.

Action Items: We should add to the club Membership Application a check box that asks if the applicant is a VE. Randy will put a banner on the website asking for that information from the current membership.

Repeaters (N3RNX, W3SRL & N3FB): N3FB/R is continuing to play well. The Scenery Hill site is still down. Frank, N3FB, recently acquired radios that he can take to the site to replace the ones that have failed. Frank will arrange for a site visit after these radios have been satisfactorily tested and it is a bit warmer outside. The N3SH-2 Digipeater stopped responding Tuesday evening. Most likely the computer program has frozen. Frank will make a trip to the site as soon as he can to execute a re-boot. He is investigating a way to automatically re-boot and restart the computer.

FM Net Report (N3HKQ): The schedule is in place through July. We could use more participation on the Sunday Night Net (9 PM).

Ways and Means (KB3GMN): There will be a 50/50 after the meeting.

Public Service (N3RDV): Mark submitted via email that help is still needed for the St. Patrick's Day parade. Please contact Mike King, WA3PYU, if you can help.

Dave, N3IDH, reported that radios are in place at the Washington County 911 Center and Washington Hospital. There are two dual band radios at these locations. The facility will request our help when they would like to have operators at the station; you cannot just walk in off the street and operate without prior permission.

Contests (K3VX): The CQ WW RTTY is from 7 PM EST Feb. 9th to 7 PM EST Feb. 10th and the North American Sprint CW is from 7 PM EST to 11 PM EST Feb. 10. The following weekend is the Breeze Shooters Ground wave contest from 7 PM to Midnight.

If anyone is working these contests, please list WASH as your club when you turn in logs. Randy would like to organize a contest committee consisting of persons who operate contests on a normal basis. The idea is to get together as a group and work the contests either in one shack or at

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WASH Spotlight: N3KFD



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...doing what he does best!

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 W3WN at **newsletter at n3sh dot org**

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 Fiinleyville, 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!

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"The Weather Outside was..." sorry, this is a family newsletter

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What's a little Road Slush when you have a Hamfest to Attend?

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many using instant messenger.

Activities (N3SH): The 2007 WASHFest update from Randy, N3ZK, - We need to advertise this as much as we can. Tell everyone. Randy has secured a door prize from N3FJP; it is a license to his logging software. Randy, announced that he will be making wooden call signs at the ham fest, but he is no longer donating the proceeds to the club tower trailer fund. He will be paying for his own table.

Steve phoned in a report regarding the ham fest; everything is going well. He does not know if the hall is vacant the night before, he will learn that in the next week and post it to the reflector. The flyers were mailed.

Rick secured Shelter #9 at Mingo Park with an overnight permit for our Field Day location. If you remember where we were a few years ago, Shelter #9 is really close. Instead of the octagon where we were last time, just before you get there turn left and go down the road to an area with three covered shelters. We believe this is within 1,000 feet of the astronomer's location; that will need to be verified when the weather

breaks.

Randy is still working on finding a place for us to have an activity night. The Bethel Park Fire Dept is already booked on Thursdays. Ron, W3WN, volunteered to be on the Activities Committee. Randy would also like to start an Elmering Night.

Newsletter (W3WN): It went out Tuesday night. There will not be a special early newsletter before the ham fest as it is early this year. Today is the deadline for 2 meter contest entry logs. Results will be tabulated and posted soon. Randy would like the club to purchase a digital club camera. Ron, W3WN, made a motion for this and Kevin, N3KHQ, seconded it. The motion was then tabled until the next meeting.

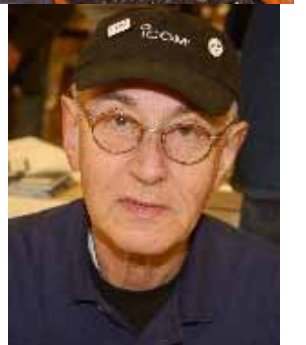
President's Report (N3ZK): Please pay your dues if you haven't done so already. Dues help to keep this club going in a forward direction.

Old Business: Kevin, N3HKQ, gave an update on the 2007 AMSAT Symposium. Please contact Kevin if you can help. We really need help

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FCC News

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

Newington, CT, February 28th, 2007 — In a February 28th letter, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) denied a petition for rule making filed last July by Don Schellhardt, K14PMG, on behalf of "Hams for Action" (HFA). The petition requested that the FCC adopt rules, under certain circumstances, to override private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) preventing radio amateurs from installing antennas and antenna support structures. HFA asked the FCC to preempt CC&Rs that fail to provide reasonable accommodation for any ham certified as an "emergency communications operator." Scot Stone, deputy chief of the WTB's Mobility Division, said the FCC "has previously addressed the question of whether to preempt CC&Rs in deeds and bylaws" that restrict the installation of Amateur Radio antennas and support structures. "In the PRB-1 decision, the Commission established a policy of limited preemption of state and local regulations governing amateur station facilities, including antennas and support structures, but expressly decided not to extend its limited preemption policy to CC&Rs in home ownership deeds and condominium bylaws because '[s]uch agreements are voluntarily entered into by the buyer or tenant when the agreement is executed and do not usually concern the Commission.'" Stone pointed out that the FCC in 2001 rejected a petition asking it to adopt rules preempting CC&Rs that don't reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio and affirmed that PRB-1 applies only to public land-use regulations. The HFA "has not presented grounds for the Commission to revisit this policy," Stone concluded.



The FCC has reduced from \$11,000 to \$2500 the fine it imposed in 2004 on Daniel Granda, KA6VHC, of Whittier, California. In a *Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O)* released March 1st, the FCC said Granda intentionally interfered with Amateur Radio communications and failed to respond to FCC correspondence. Granda, whose Amateur Extra class license renewal is under review, petitioned for reconsideration of the \$11,000 fine in 2004. "In his petition, Mr Granda does not dispute our finding that he caused deliberate interference to Amateur Radio communications nor does he deny his failure to respond to official Commission correspondence," recounted Assistant FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief George R. Dillon, who signed the *MO&O*. "He does contend, however, that imposition of the full forfeiture amount would impose a financial hardship on him and his spouse." The FCC agreed to reduce the fine to \$2500 after reviewing Granda's federal tax returns. "The reduction of the forfeiture amount, however, does not lessen the severity of the violations cited in this proceeding, specifically Mr Granda's intentional interference to radio communications," Dillon cautioned. "For that reason, we will further admonish Mr Granda for his violations." In an ominous footnote, the *MO&O* noted that the Enforcement Bureau had asked the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) to "consider this violation in processing Mr Granda's pending license renewal application for KA6VHC." In August 2003, the WTB set aside the grant of renewal of Granda's license, which expired in November 2003. His renewal application has reverted to "pending" status.

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Donate at the next meeting, or simply go online to our website to donate.

Events:

Dayton Hamvention is coming up. Are you going? Hope to see you there.

Field Day 2007 is right around the corner. We have a location reserved at Mingo Park. Check out the website for more details.

— 73, Randy George N3ZK
 President, Wireless Association of South Hills
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with the welcome kit; we would like to stuff it with a local trinket or two. Tourist maps may be available from the chamber of commerce. Any ham in the area is welcome to help out with this event.

New Business: No new business.

Good of the Order: Ron, W3WN, has started a new job. One of the first people that he met was Ben, KB3ERQ. Ben's new commute is a 30 second walk to the 'T' and as such he has not been on the radio. He is well. Mike, K3AIR, is an ARRL volunteer counsel and in that capacity can help with antenna zoning issues. Hank, KB3FNM, asked for an updated roster of members of the club. It should be a paper or direct e-mail distribution only. Not on the website.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Carol, KB3GMN, and seconded by Harold, K3HCR. The motion was voted on and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 20:05.

Would you buy Pirate tickets from these guys?

Chaz Kellem & Paul Klein had a great time at WASHFest talking with everyone... and they'd REALLY love to see you at PNC Park on June 30th! [or any other game day or night too!] Photo courtesy & ©Copyright 2007 Kevin F. DeRose N3KFD





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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



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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:

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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)

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Name & Call Sign: _____

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Smile! You're On!

Bob AB3ED Photographing the Photographer as Larry K3VX observes...

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