



A Ham Talks Again

Dale, K7ZY, has been a ham for well over 40 years and has served in the U.S. Navy and the Merchant Marines as a CW/Morse code operator. He thoroughly enjoys CW and in his long ham career he has been strictly a CW op.

Dale retired from his job as a Learjet pilot instructor about a year ago. In January of this year (2007) he was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of the Tucson VA hospital with several issues and has been there since. Shortly after he was admitted a tracheotomy was performed which rendered him unable to speak. In order to allow him to communicate the ICU personnel provided him with a chart containing all the letters of the alphabet and numbers. Needless to say this is a painfully slow way to communicate and requires that a hand be raised to point to each letter/number, a task that Dale was at times unable to perform.

Enter CW! In that Dale is an outstanding CW op, I conjured up the idea of providing him with a code oscillator and a key. It was my belief that simply sending CW via a keyer and paddle would require very little hand movement and effort. Years ago I homebrewed a keyer and included a monitor with volume and tone controls. Upon approval of the hospital personnel, I took the keyer and my trusty old Vibroplex single lever paddle to the IC Unit. After some "fiddling around" with paddle spacing/tension and keyer settings, Dale was once again "in communication"! This has worked great for the past several weeks and each time we "QSO" he recovers some of his old speed. It is extremely rewarding to be able to communicate with my old friend once again.

The hospital personnel were somewhat skeptical about what I proposed, however, once they saw the ease with which I could communicate with Dale, they have come to appreciate the ability to "talk" with him so easily themselves. One doctor came in and said she was glad to see me there, that now she could ask some "real" questions of Dale and get some "real" answers, much more efficient and detailed than the "nod head, point to letters" method.

I regularly visit Dale and the ICU personnel are great about allowing me to stay so much longer than the normally allotted time. I will typically spend 2 to 3 hours with him and we tell the same old corny jokes we have been telling each other for years, talk about ham radio, flying and of course, talk about the nurses (grin)!

I am not sure how much longer Dale will be in ICU. The main problem he is having is the ability to breathe on his own. He has survived a few setbacks and we nearly lost him a couple of times but he has defeated each setback so far. He is on the respirator full time and has other complications but he is sound of mind, his spirits are good and it is very heartwarming to see the grin on his face when I walk in with the key.

Being an avid CW op myself, I frequently run into hams who have worked Dale and recognize our somewhat rare QTH, Sahuarita, AZ. Dale and I have often joked about giving an award to hams we have both worked, WAS (Worked All Sahuarita)! Those who have worked

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Next Meeting: April 12th, 2007

The next monthly meeting of the [WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.](#) will be Thursday, April 12th, at the [Peters Township Library](#), 616 East McMurray Road, McMurray, starting at 7:00 PM.

The AMSAT Symposium, Tower Trailer project (Phase III), Field Day 2007, and Pa QSO Party 2007 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!

Where Do I Begin?

April Snow Showers hopefully bring May....:

Tower Trailer,
Tower Trailer, and
Tower Trailer.

To date we have the following for the Tower Trailer Project:

- Tower Trailer
- Coax
- Generator
- Safety Vests
- Safety Cone
- (3) 80 amp hour Gel Cell Batteries
- Steel for out-riggers
- Money for support jacks
- Money for bolts to mount the tower to the trailer



We need the following:

- Money for containers (3)
- Money for Coax Connectors
- Money for Wheel Chalks
- Money for Paint (To paint the Steel)
- Money for anything else you can think of
- Antennas

I understand that this project is taking forever and I know all I ask for is money. But it is not too much to ask for given the money donated from companies to

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get us where we are today. In the letters sent to companies seeking money, we informed them we (as a club) would be contributing a significant amount of money, mainly from the *WASHFest*. 2 *WASHFests* have gone by and we have not allocated any of its profits to this project. Last December, the club agreed to contribute "up to" \$300.00 to make up the difference of the trailer. To date, that is all the "club" has put towards this "club" related project. Members, who donate on a regular basis, myself and companies have basically funded this entire project thus far.

We had two members recently, one who covered the entire cost of the steel and the other covered the entire cost of the out-rigger support jacks. A big thanks goes out to those two individuals, you know who you are. Also, thanks to the members who have donated to this project, especially the ones who have donated more frequently.

Since I cannot get anyone to help out with "fundraisers", this year, this is how the club is going to help. For events like Field Day, the Club Picnic, the Ham Fest where we put on a cook out, PA QSO, and possibly the Christmas party, the club will forgo paying for items like food, taxes, tips etc... The club will only reimburse items of expenditures, i.e. repeater power bills and such. We will still have these events/activities; however, we ask that the members bring covered dishes, deserts, meat, buns and such to these events. Since *WASHFest* this year wasn't a big turnout due to the weather, we need to make sure we have enough for next year. With the money we save by not paying for our "normal" activities, new memberships this should help offset most of the remaining funds needed to complete the Emergency Tower Trailer Project. Let's bring this project to an end this year before FIELD DAY 2007.

Membership Dues were due by the 31st of March. Members not paid by March 31st were removed from the club roster; website and any classifieds that the member was advertising were removed.

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
N3SH WA3SH NP2SH

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K7ZY know what a fine CW op he is. My prayer is that he will join us on the air again soon.

No, CW is not going to "save the world". Yes, there are other, less efficient (for him), ways to communicate with Dale. He just HAPPENS to be an excellent CW op and we are simply taking advantage of his ability to "speak Morse". I humbly ask the usual trolls to please take a break from this article. Thanks in advance.

Anyone interested in Dale's progress please feel free to email me and I will be very happy to forward any words of encouragement to him. Also, he is in the Intensive Care Unit of the VA hospital in Tucson and his FCC info is current and accurate on the various ham websites. Dale has no immediate family and will be glad to hear from any of his ham "family"! Who says you can't have fun in the ICU?

— 73, Larry Bailey K7LRB
Courtesy of eHam.net
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CLUB-AFFILIATED REPEATERS, BEACONS, & DIGIPEATERS:

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|---------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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 *WASH*Net, 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 *WASH*Rag™**" 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
 (tentative) Thursday, January 17th, 2008
 Thursday, April 17th, 2008

Saturday, March 31st was a typical Spring Saturday (little did we know what Mother Nature had in store coming up in April!), just in time for the **WASH Breakfast Gang** to get together at **The Beach House** in Finleyville. This month's turnout included N3SBF, W3RJM, W3VFA, W3WH, N3HKQ & Peg, KB3FNM & Mary Lou, K3VX, N3ZK, K3HCR, N3FB, W3LE, N3BPB, KB3ERQ, W3WN and at the very end, WB4GCS for the late shift! Topics of the morning included Dayton Hamvention, Firestone Boulevard's potholes, antennas hidden under decks, Amateur Radio Day at PNC Park, DXCC Card Checking, Ten-Tec's OMNI VII, tetanus shots, Inrad roofing filters, fishing gear, GPDXA, W3RTM, steel for the tower trailer, "grinding it down," wedding photographers, retirement, trips to Europe, the Club TNC, new cars, and the Channel 11 Tour for the AMSAT Symposium... and that barely scratched the surface!

Our next breakfast hopes to be just as much fun, so don't miss out! Join us for the next club breakfast, on Saturday, April 28th, 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!

www.washarc.org is back! Earlier this month, courtesy of the efforts of Randy N3ZK, our original domain name was back within our control. www.washarc.org now points to the new club web site at www.n3sh.org and no longer has any connection to Hickory Telephone. Thanks Randy!

As you probably have noticed, the newsletter this month is not up to my usual standards due to circumstances beyond my control. (Fortunately, they can only take the boss's appendix out once!) Bear with me this month, and I hope to do better next month. And... if we don't get some more articles incoming, be prepared for pictures of my kids and dogs!

73, ron w3wn

Look for these operations scheduled for the 95th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic on April 15th:

GB2MGY, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 1300 Z April 14th through 2400 Z April 15th; 3860, 7260 & 14260 kHz SSB; 3560 7060 & 14060 kHz CW

GB95MGY, Godalming, England (from the hometown of Titanic's wireless operator, Jack Phillips); 3515, 7015, 10115, 14115, 18083 & 21015 kHz CW only

WØS, from the Titanic Museum in Branson, Missouri, 1300 Z April 14th through 2400 Z April 15th; 3860, 7260 & 14260 kHz SSB; 3560 7060 & 14060 kHz CW

W1MGY, from the Titanic Historical Society Museum in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts; 3.533, 7.033, 14.033, 18.099, 21.033 and 28.033 MHz CW; 3.860, 7.260, 14.260, 18.160, 21.360 and 28.336 MHz SSB

(MGY was the callsign of the Titanic)

One question keeps coming up from those interested in attending **Amateur Radio Day at PNC Park**: will we be sitting together? The answer isn't that simple, but basically, "yes!" The Pirates have blocks of tickets reserved for groups. They won't issue the actual tickets to us until we get closer to the event, but every effort will be made to keep us together, so the sooner you put in your order with Chaz, the better. Now, two caveats: Some are opting for grandstand tickets, some for the box seats, so obviously those two groups won't be together. Also, this is a "bobblehead" night, and traditionally, there are those who get tickets to these games just to get the dolls and don't stick around for the actual game. So again, it's a good reason to call Chaz and order those tickets now, while they're still available! Ordering information is on Page 6.

Oh yes — Amateur Radio Day is not just for us but for all radio amateurs who are interested, so spread the word — the more the merrier!

WASH Picnic at the Breezeshooter's Hamfest: If you've been wondering if the club picnic is "on" this year, the answer is "yes!" The picnic, for those who don't know, didn't originally start out as a club event, but was the efforts of a few of us to relax and have a good time once most of the hamfest activity started leveling off (and that it attracted attention from many attendees didn't hurt, either).

But this year, because of our funding concerns and priorities with the club, we're going to see one small change with the picnic: Instead of the club providing the burgers, hot dogs, and drinks, we're going to ask some of the attendees to step up and cover these items.

The picnic will remain a "pot luck" event; there's no charge to attend, but we ask that everyone bring something. We'll start working on the particulars next month, in the meantime, give some thought as to what you can bring with you to the event this year!

Oh — the picnic will remain an "invitation only" event for non-club members, as per the wishes of the Breezeshooter's. We're not permitted to sell food as that would be competition for the various hamfest vendors, which is prohibited in their contracts with the vendors.

How much did the weather at **WASH-Fest 2007** hurt the club treasury? Well, policy remains that we won't discuss specific numbers in the newsletter, but consider this: Assume conservatively that the gate was off by a minimum of 100 paying attendees. That's \$500 at the gate we didn't take in. Now if you conservatively figure an average of \$1 per attendee is spent on door prizes... the good news is that we still made money, so we just have to watch our shekels carefully over the next year and bribe Joe DiNardo for better weather next year!

WASHNet 2007 NCS Schedule

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|-------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 04/01 | Harold K3HCR | 06/03 | Harold K3HCR |
| 04/08 | Carol KB3GMN | 06/10 | Carol KB3GMN |
| | or Richie N3SBF | | or Richie N3SBF |
| 04/15 | Michael KB3HFP | 06/17 | Michael KB3HFP |
| 04/22 | Hank KB3FNM | 06/24 | Hank KB3FNM |
| 04/29 | Paul NØVLR | | |
| 05/06 | Frank N3FB | Alternates | |
| 05/13 | Dave N3DFK | | Dave N3IDH |
| 05/20 | Bill W3WH | | Ron W3WN |
| 05/27 | Kevin N3HKQ | | |

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Minutes, March 8th Meeting

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

Randy, N3ZK, **called** the meeting **to order** at 19:35 hours. There were 30 members and guests in attendance. We had a late start because this was pizza night and we ate first so the pizza would not get cold. (Our priorities were in order!)

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.

Secretary (N3FB): A motion was made to **accept the minutes** of the February meeting as published in the February newsletter. Carol, KB3GMN, motioned and Larry, K3VX, seconded. The motion was voted on and passed. We received a certificate for 1st place in Somerset County in the PA QSO Party but the name on the ticket was not one of our members. The certificate may be wrong as we were not eligible for this win because we were the bonus station. Frank introduced a flyer of the club that he quickly prepared in time for the hamfest.

Tower Trailer Committee (N3ZK): Roadway found the 'missing' tower (Hi Hi). We still need to raise additional fundraising to complete this project. We need funds for the outriggers. The amount needed is about \$500-600 to complete this task. We are currently working with designs from Aluma Tower blueprints. A generator was donated by Don, KB3NAF. (Thank You!)

VE Report (N3ZEL): The next VE session is on Monday, March 19th at 6:30 PM, here at the library.

QSL Manager (N3ZNI): We sent out more NP2SH cards. The VP2SH log is now at 5,125 contacts.

Website (N3ZK): Still waiting for washarc.org to become clear and available; it should happen sometime in the next few months.

Repeaters (N3RNX, W3SRL & N3FB): N3FB/R is continuing to play well. The Scenery Hill site is still down. Frank, N3FB, recently repaired radios with the assistance of Jim, WB4GCS, which 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. Steve reported that the W3SRL and N3RNX repeaters are playing well.

FM Net Report (N3HKQ): The net is going well. In May, Kevin will post a net control schedule for rest of the year.

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

Public Service (N3RDV): Nothing new to report.

Contests (K3VX): Field Day. We have been invited to a meeting with the amateur astronomers group to discuss the use of their area for our operation. They would also like to discuss Boy Scout involvement. This event happens about 2 weeks before the scouts' summer camp starts and, as such, may be a bad time for them. We also will take a look at the Shelter 9 area. Bob, AB3ED, will contact some troops to see if he can generate interest.

Randy mentioned doing a mini-fest to pick up some of the slack left by Butler not having a hamfest. This idea is a small hamfest in daytime or evening.

Fundraisers were discussed; topics were calendar tickets, gun raffle and radio raffle. No decisions were made.

Activities (W3SRL): Hamfest report. Steve said thanks to everyone for coming out to visit, buy tables, and set up. The weather may be responsible for lower than normal turnout. The door count was 1/3 under previous years. But we did manage to make a profit. We found 39 new people who bought raffle tickets. Kevin, N3HKQ, is the new hamfest committee head for next year with Carol, KB3GMN, assisting.

At the ball yard, amateur radio night will be June 30th at PNC Park.

Randy, N3ZK, asked if Ed, N3ZNI, would be able to take back control of the 2 meter contest for 2008. Ed answered yes.

Newsletter (W3WN): The newsletter is out.

President's Report (N3ZK): This is the last month for payment of first quarter

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WASH Spotlight: Symposium



This photo is from the first WASH general committee meeting for the AMSAT Symposium.

From left: Kevin N3HKQ, Larry N3VX, Pat KC4WTT, Jim WB4GCS, and Molly
Not shown - Bob AB3ED

Photo courtesy of & ©Copyright 2007 Robert Timmins AB3ED

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 editor@n3sh.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!

Wireless Association of South Hills Membership

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| KB3HFP | N3AWF | W3SRL | | | |
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Through March 31st, 2007

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I just wanted to let the group know about the **ARF** (Amateur Repeater Finder) kit Web site. I had posted a notice on the www.n3sh.org forums, but I also wanted it to get to the wider audience.

The site is located at <http://www.schoolhousemultimedia.com/ARF> or you can get to it from my main site <http://www.schoolhousemultimedia.com>. There's a link to the ARF site on the left side.

Thanks for your attention!

— 73, Todd - W8LEV

FCC News

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

Newington, CT, April 5th, 2007 — The FCC has accepted for cancellation the Technician ticket of a licensee who has been the target of inquiries and warnings from the Commission's Enforcement Bureau dating back to 2005. Special Counsel in the FCC's Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth wrote Brandon Duke, KC0UWS, March 6 to confirm receipt of Duke's Amateur Radio license.

"We have forwarded your license to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau [WTB] for cancellation and for dismissal of your application for a vanity call sign," Hollingsworth informed Duke, who has a Minnesota address on file with the Commission. Duke applied for W0BMD last fall. In January, a "last warning" from Hollingsworth, mailed to Duke at a Colorado address, came back as undeliverable. The WTB has not yet cancelled Duke's license.

Past "Riley-Grams" to Duke have cited "information before the Commission" as well as his own admission to indicate he had been operating on 10 and 20 meter frequencies not available to him as a Technician licensee. In the past Hollingsworth also has taken Duke to task for allegedly ignoring requests to stop using repeaters in his area.

"You have used false call signs, transmitted sexually explicit material and other recordings over radio and re-broadcast radio activity on police frequencies," Hollingsworth charged in a January 2007 letter to Duke. "In spite of your assurances on January 26, 2006, that your rule violations would end, you have continued operating in violation of Commission rules and the Communications Act."

In 2006, an apologetic Duke had pledged in a letter to Hollingsworth to change his on-the-air behavior, noting that he'd destroyed an audio CD containing apparently objectionable material he'd been accused of airing. He also said he'd "refrain from jamming, interfering, kerchunking and using any repeaters."

Another frequent Riley-Gram recipient heard from the FCC again on March 8, when Hollingsworth warned David O. Castle, WA9KJL, of Evansville, Indiana, to keep off a local repeater system. In February, Hollingsworth noted, the trustee of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society's W9OG repeater asked Castle to refrain from using the system. "That letter was issued as a result of your failure to follow operational rules set forth by the licensee/control operators of the repeater system for its users," Hollingsworth wrote.

Hollingsworth told Castle the FCC expects him to abide by the request "and any other such request by a repeater licensee, control operator or trustee." He also raised the specter of fines and license revocation.

Castle's license renewal application has been referred for a *Hearing Designation Order*, and Hollingsworth said the issue of the alleged interference to the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society repeater would be "an issue in your upcoming license renewal hearing" before an administrative law judge.

The WTB had referred Castle's renewal application to the Enforcement Bureau for review "as a result of long standing complaints against the operation of your station," Hollingsworth told Castle last October. Castle's General ticket expired July 30, 2006, but he may continue to operate while his renewal application is in limbo.

In 1999, the FCC modified Castle's license to prohibit HF operation for two years due to alleged malicious interference and broadcasting. The Commission later lifted the suspension of privileges based on Castle's response. Also in the 1990s, Castle received an FCC *Notice of Violation* for allegedly engaging in malicious interference. The FCC also restricted his operating hours at one point.

The FCC has affirmed a \$10,000 fine it had proposed levying on a Florida construction company. In a *Forfeiture Order (NoF)* released April 2, the Commission said it was fining Parker Construction Inc of Panama City, Florida, for "willful and repeated violation" of the Communications Act of 1934 for operating radio transmitting equipment on 2 meters without a license. Responding to a complaint of apparently unlicensed radio activity, agents from the FCC's Tampa Office using mobile direction-finding equipment tracked the source of the transmissions. Parker's owner admitted the company had been using Amateur Radio transceivers for about three years to talk with crew members. Agents found an Amateur Radio handheld transceiver set to 145.02 MHz. Responding to the FCC's January 2007 *Notice of Apparent Liability* in the case, Parker requested a reduction claiming it did not know that Amateur Radio Service radios required a license, that it had stopped using them and had obtained the proper radio license. The FCC turned down the request.





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dues. A reminder of the clubs rules was stated: if dues are not paid, the member will be removed from the roster and any advertising that they may have on the club publications will be removed.

Old Business: Kevin reported on the Amsat symposium that we are hosting this fall. The proceedings (books) have been priced and an editor has been selected. We have a logo and it will be on the website. An announcement will be made for the Amsat group. The Amsat website will be put up shortly. Things are progressing well.

New Business: One room is still available from our group of rooms at

the University of Dayton. Each room holds four people and is priced at a good rate. Please respond to Greg, KQ3DX, ASAP if you would like to join us and claim this room.

Good of the Order: WACOM has a Technician Class this April and a General Class will follow. Code classes will also be offered.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Bob, W3RJM, and seconded by Ron, W3WN. The motion was voted on and passed, but one person opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 20:25.



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Another Day at the Office?

This photo's been sitting around awhile waiting for the right time...

"We had some excitement at work as a high voltage cable arced and started a fire on the pole. No one was hurt and we did not lose power! Fortunately for us, we were using the other power feed today!"

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