



## Field Day!

Do you have fond memories of years gone past? Was there some event that you recall as being "memorable"? Chances are that you had to overcome some unexpected challenge; and the resulting factor was forged into your brain. Experts in the field often say "If you want to bond with family, friends, colleagues, etc... go camping!" What they are referring to is put yourself in a situation where you have to overcome a problem as a team.

In radio terms, if you want to form memories with fellow club members, go to Field Day! Field Day is by far the most opportunistic time to practice all of the skills you possess to orchestrate a fully function station regardless of location, weather, and other obstacles.

As many of you know, the mission of field day is to "operate outside of your normal shack environments on non-commercial power" - sounds simple, right?

Well, it does take a bit of effort to get a multiple station event on the air - but it is fun, challenging and perhaps a bonding moment thrown in for good measure. It is important to keep the fun in field day by not breaking the backs of a few hard-working folks.

We are fortunate that the hobby we all enjoy is also a form of public service to the community - which can give us a feeling of helping others while we enjoy what we do. By operating field day - you are part of a team that builds, operates, and tears down a complete radio station; capable of contacting other hams around North America.

Aside from the public service aspect, the fun with radios aspect, the nice June weather (I hope) and some BBQ-ing, there is the newcomer aspect. I'll bet you know of at least one ham whose first memory of amateur radio was a field day in the past. For those newcomers and perhaps hams whose interest had lapsed, this is our club's 15 minutes of fame.

I have always enjoyed taking the time to talk to somebody about the fine aspects of our hobby; de-bunk some of the misconceptions of "It's just CB... right?", "I have a cell phone - what good is this?" or the ever popular "My grand-dad was a ham and all I heard was Morse code coming from a rats-nest of wires" (OK, so some things DON'T change)

Why come to field day? To show your support for the hobby, to make new bonds, to see a newcomer making their first contact and to assist in one of the few major club activities we have per year.

There are only 3 weeks until Field Day 2008; don't just come to it... **Participate!**

This Year's Field Day will be held at Mingo Creek Park at the Observatory, **Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM until Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> around 3 PM-ish.** For questions about this event, Please contact Randy N3ZK at [fieldday@n3sh.org](mailto:fieldday@n3sh.org)

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### Next Meeting: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

Final Field Day plans will be ironed out, and **Our presentation tonight** will be **Dipoles, Beams, and other Antennas**, courtesy of Bill W3WH and Larry K3VX.

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

### President's Letter

## Public Exposure

### Exposure 1:

On Field Day June 28-29 our club will be in the public's eye as we share Saturday with the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) Mingo Creek Observatory Star Party. AAAP gets a big turnout to look thru their two telescopes, use telescopes the members bring or take in a planetarium show.



Some of these people will visit our Field Day site.

I'm asking WASH members who are not actually on the air to approach the visitors, explain what we're doing and answer questions.

Remember Field Day involves operator training, emergency preparedness and (emphasize) fun.

### Exposure 2:

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> WASH will set up a Field day type station on the Carnegie Science Center lawn as part of

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# President's Letter

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the Pittsburgh 250 celebration. This will be another chance to meet the public. The Center's attendance will be much larger than the Star Party. There will be many more kids and probably lots more questions. We'll have promotional literature to hand out. Again we have to explain what we're doing and answer questions.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> the submarine USS Requin Radio Club (NY3EC) will pick up where we leave off on Saturday. WASH members are invited to help out.

## Exposure 3:

The third incident of public exposure is more individual. I recently took a round trip by air. I was carrying a QRP station: Elecraft K1, LDG Tuner, Coax, 40M antenna, two 12V batteries, paddle and miscellaneous cables packed in a hard-sided suitcase. This is 4<sup>th</sup> time I've traveled with a rig to a DX location. TSA and its foreign counterparts have no idea what ham radio is. Be prepared to open the case, have all your careful packing and padding messed up. Stay calm and explain what the inspector is looking at. They will sample (swipe) the case and some of the contents for on-the-spot chemical analysis. So far every inspector has been courteous. Most ask about my Vibroplex paddle packed in a wooden cigar box. For some reason the sight of that chrome plated mechanical device drain the last bit of tension out of the inspection.

## Don't Forget:

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix next month; track-side operators needed! More to come...

— 73, Larry Comden K3VX, President  
Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc.  
N3SH / WA3SH / NP2SH/B

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### 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](http://www.washrag.info)

# WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

## Next WASH VE Test July 17<sup>th</sup>

The Next WASH VE exam sessions will be Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 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, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
 Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 (tentative) Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## WIRELESS ASSOCIATION'S 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1993 – 2008

This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for WASH. Have any favorite stories or tall tales about the early days of the club? Let us know — we hope to run some of those in future newsletters!!

A bright but cool *pre-Breezeshooter's* Saturday morning brought forth a few denizens of **the WASH Breakfast Gang** on May 31<sup>st</sup> to **The Beach House** in Finleyville. This months mini-multitude consisted of K3HCR, AE3DL, N3HKQ & Peg, N3BPB & W3WN. Taking up half our usual tables, the subjects quickly turned to stealth blueberry pancakes, winter is still with us in the Great Lakes region, politics, the upcoming US Power Squadron op at W1AW, the Baseball Commissioner & Condoleeza Rice, D-Star going well for the North Hills ARC, 444.35 MHz up and running, *Breezeshooter's Hamfest*, Verizon Wireless, starting a family at 40, and email mailings.

Our next breakfast excursion will be the Field Day Saturday, a chance to enjoy some coffee and company before heading down to Mingo to start setting up the operation!

The next **WASH Breakfast** will be on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM at **The Beach House**, Library Road (Route 88) n Finleyville, just south of Trax Farms. See you there!

... and don't forget the mid-month breakfast meetings, also at **The Beach House**, for the new WPA QRP "Itty Bitty Transmitters" Club W3IBT. The June meeting Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by the July meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Field Day 2008** is only a few weekends away. Randy N3ZK, our FD Chair this year, will have more information on our joint **WASH Field Day—AAAP Star Party** at the next meeting. We are going to be operating all together from the Observatory this year, which solves some problems but creates some others. And, it's not too early to start thinking about when you can come out to lend a hand, and what bands and modes you plan on having the most fun operating on!

Our biggest concern is scheduling. Yes, we know that a lot of club members don't always decide until the last moment, but Randy really needs to have an idea of who will be there when. And for the first time in years... yes, the food is an issue, as Carol & Richie are not going to be with us this year — they're going to operate out of their second home in Clarion. All the more reason to give Randy an idea of what you have in mind, so that we can make sure that all is well in hand.

Speaking of Field Day... the club repeaters have a lot of activity from non-members (not that there's anything wrong with that!). When you talk with these folks, take a moment and invite them to stop down at Field Day. Some won't, but some will... and you never know what might happen after that...

**Fifteen years** for the club in August. Can you believe it?

The **N3FB repeater has been temporarily QRT** for a few days in June due to an intermod problem with a local police dispatch frequency. Frank and Jim WB4GCS are working with the appropriate tech to get the problem resolved. The good news is that Frank & Jim have tested the repeater and confirmed that it is not malfunctioning, which the tech has also confirmed — so the problem lies elsewhere. Still, to avoid giving the cops extra headaches, they're going to keep 443.650 down as a courtesy. Patience, this won't go on much longer!

Speaking of which, the **WASHRag Archive** at [www.washrag.info](http://www.washrag.info) is also down for the moment. The problem is being addressed and we hope to have the archive back on the web very shortly.

**Congratulations!** For those who haven't heard, **Carol KB3GMN upgraded to Amateur Extra Class** last month! We always knew you could do it, and we're glad to see it!

Don't forget that the **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix** is next month, and operators as always are needed! If you don't hear from Corky N3MJP or have never done it before & want to volunteer, call him at (412) 851-9374, or catch him on the repeater. No — he doesn't have e-mail!

Congratulations to Randy N2QIV for winning the Mobile Check-In Prize at this year's Breezeshooter's Hamfest, and to Nick WA3NB for winning 6<sup>th</sup> Prize, the MFJ-259B Antenna Analyzer

## "Our Founders..."

The very first meeting of what is now known as the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS took place on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1993, at the "Eat-N-Park" Restaurant in Raceway Plaza.

For our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, founding member Bob AA3FI tried to remember everyone who was there, and came up with this list:

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Chuck Allen N3MJQ     | Bob Sanford AA3FI  |
| Ed Salva W3VFA        | Dick Barney N3QMV  |
| Keith Jefferies N3LAP | Matt Matter KB3ANH |
| Ron Lentz N3WX (SK)   | Jeff Pleva N3NKN   |
| Lori Lentz N3NSZ      | Karen Pleva N3QAR  |
| Steve Hunter N3MAA    | Randy Ide N2QIV    |
| Jim Mounts KA3EBX     |                    |

"I'm not sure if these guys were at the first meeting."

- Ira Groff W3ZLK (SK)
- Don Volant N3KEH (SK)
- Don Fincher KA3WZO

Bob was sure he missed some people. Anyone know who's not on this list of Founders that should be?

## WASHNet 2008 NCS Schedule

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 06/01 - Kevin N3HKQ     | Richie N3SBF       |
| 06/08 - Bill W3WH       | 07/06 - Frank N3FB |
| 06/15 - Hank KB3FNM     | Alternates         |
| 6/22 - Harold K3HCR     | Dave N3IDH         |
| 06/29 - Carol KB3GMN or | Ron W3WN           |

Join WASH or Renew your Membership for 2008 Today! Membership Application on Page 11

# Minutes, May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Larry Comden K3VX, President, WASH

Sorry:  
Minutes  
not  
received  
by  
deadline

## WASH Spotlight: N3MSE



ARRL WPA Section Manager John Rodgers N3MSE & Ron W3WN talking prior to the May meeting. Our thanks again to John for taking the time to come down and chat!

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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 W3WN at [newsletter at n3sh dot org](mailto:newsletter@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

AB3ED	KB3KQY	N3HKQ	W3SRL	WASH FL	Silent Keys
AB3EN	KB3NSG	N3KFD	W3VFA	KA3UPY	
AC4KU	KB3NVL	N3MJP	W3WH	W4ZE	
AE3DL	KB3NVM	N3PN	W3WN	WASH GA	
K3AIR	KB3ORR	N3QMV	W4ZE	K3OL	K3EED
K3HCR	KB3PSB	N3RDV	WA3JPP	KB3IJX	(George)
K3LGM	KB3QHB	N3RNX	WA3NB	WASH NE	KB3ENX
K3SGT	KB3QHC	N3SBF	WA3RVD	NØPEU	KB3FQT
K3VX	KC4WTT	N3TIR	WA4ONC	WASH NY	N3FZ
K3WJL	KE8RN	N3XI	WB4GCS	KE3XB	N3KEH
KA3TWI	NØVLR	N3ZEL	WO3Z	N3YPB	N3OBD
KB3FNM	N1NCZ	N3ZK	Jane Wagner	WASH OH	N3SKR
KB3GMN	N3AWF	N3ZNI		N8DPW	N3SRC
KB3GMP	N3BPB	NU3S		WASH TX	N3XFE
KB3GMU	N3CZZ	W3JJC		K3LGM	W3ZLK
KB3GUZ	N3DFK	W3LE		Jane Wagner	
KB3HFP	N3FB	W3RJM		WASH VI	
KB3KOT	N3FPF	W3RWS		NP2JF	

Has Roadway found the tower yet?

Through May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008  
List compiled by  
Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer



# The Radio Adventures of Carl & Quinn:

## Hamvention! Lynn Richards AAA2ZZ

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he Hamvention in Dayton was only one day away. Quinn was at the back door of my house with his *Dayton 95* cap pulled over his eyes, and giddy as a school kid on too much sugar. As I came to the door he could hardly contain himself spouting out, "I got the whole weekend off of work and can leave as soon as you can. When we gonna go Carl?"

People who were acquainted with Quinn knew not do anything that might encourage his unusual excitement. Failing to observe this caution would be like throwing gasoline onto an open fire or... giving more sugar to a kid who was already bouncing off the walls.

"Oh, I think I'll be ready to go in a couple of hours. I'm glad you didn't cut too close telling me if you could go or not," I said to him knowing that my foresight to reserve a room with two beds, would probably pan out. There was that one year we just went to Dayton without making reservations because Quinn said he knew a guy who knew another guy who had extra rooms reserved and we didn't need to get our own. Quinn heard wrong and we didn't find any rooms available within 50 miles of Dayton. Since I'm on the 10-year plan, that trip left me in a very grumpy mood the next day with having to walk in my sleep through the convention. I missed a great deal on that trip and decided this year to make reservations early, like, December.

"So Quinn, you remember how to get there, right?" I asked him.

"Oh sure Carl, I got a built-in direction finder in my head," he chimed back.

"OK, well, we'll use this new GPS unit I got on sale at Z Mart. They were practically giving them away." I made sure to let Quinn know I had gone to Z Mart because I know *he* hates going there.

"Ugh! I hate Z Mart. You know my ex works for them..."

"Yes, I know. You've told me that at least five times." It was more like 500 times. "And she's their regional manager now with a company car, a big salary and still hates radio. Yeah, yeah, yeah, you've told me."

"So Quinn, not to change the subject and all, but, what's at the top of your list for Dayton?"

"Oh! Well, I picked up another copy of the May QST and I'm gonna have the guy who invented the Highly Versatile Orange Box autograph it for me. Not the box, just the QST. It'll be worth a lot of money some day. I hear he's gonna have a booth there showin' off an even newer box."

"Really?"

"Oh sure. He's got a new one that has a Wi-Fi unit and a chiller that doubles as an ice chest. It's on all the blogs. Oh yeah, he's got quite a following."

"Kind of like the Great Pumpkin then?" I asked as we hefted a large ice chest into the back of my SUV.

"Yeah, kinda like tha...No, wait a minute."

By 19:00 hours we were on our way to Dayton with all the gear connected and antennas blazing. We were working the Gray Line on 14.195 MHz and exchanging DX spots on APRS with other Hamvention bound mobiles. We were having such a good time that we didn't notice when we passed the Dayton turn-off and continued on down some country back road. It wasn't until A.R.F. reprogrammed the D700A that we realized the repeaters we were now hitting had distinctly different call signs than what would be expected near Dayton.

"Carl, where're we at?"

"Well, I dunno. Check the GPS." I said wishing now I had read the manual.

"Not sure but I think it's saying we're in Tuzigoot." Quinn replied. To which we both looked out around us into the night and saw only a solitary light atop a microwave tower flashing in the distance."

"Tuzigoot? Quinn, lemme see that thing" as I rotated the GPS display towards me. In doing so I noticed a small plastic tab protruding from the side of the unit with some writing on it. It was a small tab, hardly noticeable. I pulled it out and read, "Please to remove up on use. Follows Instruction for calibrate." I looked at the manual while Quinn looked at his watch which in honor of the Hamvention he had set to UTC then after several moments announced, "I think it's like 2:03 in the a.m." I had no idea where Tuzigoot was and resorted to the Rand-McNally book behind the driver's seat.

"Hey Carl, we must be near some train tracks. Look for tracks on the map." We could both hear a train coming but saw no lights, just some rain then hail.

Two days later, a crew from a local power company found us hanging from a Red Maple tree 15 feet off the ground. The amazing thing about our little adventure was that when the tornado deposited the SUV in the tree, the dexterity of the wind was so precise that had it been off by as much as an inch, the cherry picker that the power company used to put us back on the ground would not have been needed. Now late morning, we stepped out of the SUV onto solid but littered ground, having hung face down for two days, strapped into our seats, and all we could do was take turns seeking privacy behind the only remaining bush for miles around to get rid of the cans of soda we consumed. After surveying our surroundings, and the mangled and antennas on the SUV we looked at each other and decided to skip Dayton this year and drive straight home.

The QST with the Highly Versatile Orange Box would have to wait to be signed until '09.

**Confirmed  
hotel  
rooms,  
GPS, Wi-Fi,  
ARF, HF  
Mobile,  
directions,  
and a quest  
for the  
HVOB  
autograph.  
A great  
weekend to  
head to  
Dayton,  
right?**

This new ham asked me "what's yer 20?" on the local repeater.

I replied that I would kindly give him two tens for a twenty.

He returned that he was confused and he would be "standing."

I replied that he would be more comfortable sitting.

No Reply.

— Tony Bakmaz K8EEI

**Whatever happened to the "Dead  
Electrical Dudes" series on  
eHam? You can now find it at  
<http://www.neidlinger.us/>**

# Coast Guard Uses Morse in Rescue WBAL-TV

Annapolis, MD, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 — The Coast Guard rescued two injured mariners on Saturday who were forced to use Morse code to signal their distress to a passing ship. Coast Guard Sector Baltimore watchstanders received a call from Capt. Bruce McLaughlin, a Maryland pilot stating that he noticed a sailboat signaling S.O.S. four miles east of the Patuxent River in the Chesapeake Bay. Coast Guard launched a 25-foot response boat crew from Station St. Inigoes, Md., to the area and found a sailboat with two people aboard.

Albert Labos, 62, and Theresa Labos, 64, were transiting from Annapolis, Md., to their home in England when both mariners reportedly suffered injuries after being caught in a storm Friday night. Albert Labos' reportedly suffered injuries to his hands and Theresa Labos' reportedly suffered injuries to her ribs.

Additionally, the storm damaged their mast, which disabled their radio so they were unable to call for help.

Albert Labos shot flares off through the night with no result. "It's recognizable that Mr. Labos was aware enough to use another one of the internationally recognized distress signals after he ran out of flares," said Scott Winslow, a search and rescue coordinator with Coast Guard Sector Baltimore. He used a flashlight to signal the passing *Aphrodite Leader*.

The couple was taken to St. Mary Hospital after the Coast Guard response boat pulled the couple off their vessel.

## DIRECTIONS TO MINGO CREEK COUNTY PARK:

### From East

1. New Stanton- Take I-70 West
2. Merge onto PA -43 Turnpike North (portions toll)
3. Take the Rt.-136 exit - Exit #44-toward Eighty Four/Monongahela
4. Turn left onto Dry Run Rd / Route 136. Continue to follow Rt. 136
5. Turn right onto Mansion Hill.
6. Arrive Mingo Creek County Park

### From West

1. Take I-70 East
2. Same as "From South" (below) start at #2.

### From South

1. Take I-79 North to I-70 East
2. Take I-70 East to the Dunningville Exit #27
3. Turn left onto Brownlee Road
4. Take Brownlee Road for about 3 miles
5. Turn right onto Rt. 136. Follow Rt. 136 for about 4 miles
6. Start looking for a sign "Mingo Creek County Park" on the left
7. Turn left onto Sichi Hill Road (across from Mingo Inn)
8. At the bottom of hill bear right and take the next right into the park.
9. Arrive Mingo Creek County Park

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### From North

1. I-79 South
2. Take Exit -9; Houston/Eighty Four
3. Turn right onto Route 519 South
4. You will go through two (2) Stop signs, bearing right, Stay on Rt. 519
5. Stay on Rt. 519 to the Rt. 519 and Rt. 136 intersection Eighty Four - note Cross Roads and Kwikfill Mini Marts
6. Turn Left onto Rt. 136 East
7. Go approximately six (6) miles and start to look for "Mingo Creek County Park" sign.
8. Turn left onto Sichi Hill Road (across from Mingo Inn)
9. At the bottom of hill bear right and take the next right into the park.
10. Arrive Mingo Creek County Park



73, Randy George N3ZK  
WASH 2008 Field Day Chairman

# What's Not to Love?

"Radio Free Bob" Bastogne WC3O courtesy of [www.eham.net](http://www.eham.net)

Another Dayton Hamvention® is come and gone.

Looking back I have attended over 20 such events. I have always loved going to the biggest Ham convention in the world, but it seems to me to get better and better every year. I was there when it snowed in April, when it WAS in April (on my wife's birthday, no less) and I baked in the sun other years. I was there when it rain most of the weekend and when there was no rain at all. This year it was the wind. Not too bad, and I am not complaining! Having done work for my club's Hamfest I know the amount of work that goes into such an event. My club's Hamfest is about 1/100th of the size of Hamvention! I can't begin to imagine the amount of work that goes into an event of this size, and to pull it off every year? AND with an all volunteer work force? I can't thank the people involved enough. I know they have had some rough times, and I know all too well how tough it is to get and keep people that are willing to put in the time and effort in that is required.

My biggest problem with Hamvention is that I don't know what to do first. I LOVE the flea market. I LOVE looking at what all the vendors have to offer and the forums are just great. So where to go first? I wish the event was a week long! Although, I am sure that it is one long weekend for the people that need to sell.

And another thing, I LOVE Hara Arena! After over twenty years I STILL get a little lost when I work my way around that place. I used to think it was just me, but I have talked to many people that say the same thing! This is a place that has grown up around the event. Every strange twist and turn in the place is a mark of growth over the years. I know there are other events that have first-rate venues, but there is a steep price to pay for that. I will take the quirky HARA Arena any day of the week. I hope it never changes. I hate change.

I do think the low point in the long history of Hamvention was when most of the help was hired out. It didn't have the same feel. There was never a happier day as when they went back to all volunteers.

What do you think? Remember; never complain unless you are willing to help in some way. If you do volunteer, do what you say you're going to do. Other people are counting on you. I have been to many meetings where people volunteer to do work at the meeting and that is the last you hear from them! hi hi it's not easy.

So another Hamvention has come and gone.

Got my rooms reserved for next year! I'll be there. How's about you?

# 2008 WASH Meeting Night Program Topics

& Other Significant Club Events on the 2008 Calendar — Subject to Change

June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Breezeshooter's Hamfest and WASH Picnic	
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Antennas: Dipoles, Beams, Verticals, Tuners	Bill Hill W3WH & Larry Comden K3VX
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	ARRL Kid's Day	
June 28 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	ARRL Field Day	
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swap & Shop: Junquè, Freebies, Good Stuff	<i>To Be Announced</i>
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	NW PA Hamfest, Erie	<a href="mailto:hamfest@nw-pa-hamfest.com">hamfest@nw-pa-hamfest.com</a>
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	North Hills ARC Hamfest	<a href="http://www.nharc.org">http://www.nharc.org</a>
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	WASH VE Exams	Jacquè Gosselin N3ZEL, VE Team Leader (724) 746-9235
July 19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix	
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset Co ARC Hamfest	<a href="http://www.k3smt.org">http://www.k3smt.org</a>
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	SWPA Packet Group Meeting	<a href="http://swppg.zelie.com">http://swppg.zelie.com</a>
August 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pittsburgh 250 Special Event	<a href="http://www.pghhistory.org">http://www.pghhistory.org</a>
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Antennas: VHF & UHF	<i>To Be Announced</i>
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Skyview RS Hamfest	<a href="http://www.skyviewradio.net">http://www.skyviewradio.net</a>
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Uniontown ARC Gabfest	<a href="http://www.w3pie.org">http://www.w3pie.org</a>
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Butler Co ARA Swapfest	<a href="mailto:dzibrat@zoominternet.net">dzibrat@zoominternet.net</a>
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Contests: Warm-Up for the Season	<i>To Be Announced</i>
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Hi-Tech: APRS, ARF, SDR, EchoLink, D-Star	<i>To Be Announced</i>
October 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	51 <sup>st</sup> Annual, 2008 Pennsylvania QSO Party	
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	WASH VE Exams	Jacquè Gosselin N3ZEL, VE Team Leader (724) 746-9235
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Emergency Communications	<i>To Be Announced</i>
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Boat Anchors & Antique Radios	<i>To Be Announced</i>
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Straight Key Night	<a href="http://www.arrl.org">http://www.arrl.org</a>
January 10 <sup>th</sup> 2009	WASH 2 Meter Simplex Contest	<a href="http://www.n3sh.org">http://www.n3sh.org</a>
February 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2009	WASHFest 2009	<a href="http://www.n3sh.org">http://www.n3sh.org</a>



# Breezeshooters' Hamfest & WASH Picnic



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A great time at the Hamfest & Picnic was had by all! Now we KNOW that there are more photos out there...  
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# Breezeshooters' Hamfest & WASH Picnic



You may have heard that we had just a "little" bit of wind... here Carol is inspecting the damage to W3WH's windshield after the wind picked up a canopy and smacked his car with it... fortunately, no one was injured, Bill made it home safe, and the windshield has since been replaced!



## Field Day 2008 Rules & Forms Available.

ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, says there are several rules changes this year, mainly concerning "Get on the Air" (GOTA) stations and the elimination of the Demonstration Mode Bonus Category.

The complete Field Day Packet can be downloaded from the ARRL Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/fieldday>. A full 2008 Field Day page on the ARRL Web site will be coming in the next few weeks



For the first time, the ARRL has put together a Station Locator to help amateurs or those interested in Amateur Radio to find a Field Day site near them. More information at:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php>



## PA PRB-1 Update

David N. Eckman WA3YVR

Courtesy of John V. Rodgers N3MSE, ARRL WPA Section Manager

On Monday morning, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave Eckman WA3YVR, President of the Pennsylvania Paid Firefighters Association and representing Pennsylvania Hams on behalf of the Section Managers in both WPA and EPA met with Pa. State Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf and others to discuss the pending tower legislation. Below are Dave's comments and suggestions.

I am grateful for Dave's assistance with this important issue.

— 73, John V. Rodgers N3MSE

Hello all...

I had a very productive meeting today with key Senate staffers on our PRB-1 initiative.

I must commend the amateur radio fraternity in Pennsylvania as their grassroots efforts on this issue clearly was the cause of the meeting.

All of the various staff were really impressed that we were able to mobilize the troops and get letters written on this subject.

I am asking all hams in Pennsylvania to contact their respective Senator and ask them to look at SB 884. Our message is very simple: all we are asking is that the General Assembly of Pennsylvania simply codifies the PRB-1 FCC ruling for Pennsylvania.

That means that any ordinance or regulation adopted by a municipality shall accommodate amateur service communications.

Again, thanks for the efforts and I will keep you all advised.

— 73, David N. Eckman WA3YVR

The FCC has issued a Public Notice requesting comments regarding a new use of the 430-448 MHz spectrum for remotely controlled robot surveillance equipment to be operated for training and emergency purposes.

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEK COMMENT ON REQUEST FOR WAIVER BY RECONROBOTICS, INC. TO ALLOW CERTIFICATION AND USE OF REMOTE-CONTROLLED SURVEILLANCE ROBOT OPERATING AT 430-448 MHz — WP Docket No. 08-63  
[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-08-1077A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-08-1077A1.pdf)

ReconRobotic's request for a waiver:

[http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native\\_or\\_pdf=pdf&id\\_document=6520008940](http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6520008940)

ARRL's Response:

[http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native\\_or\\_pdf=pdf&id\\_document=6520011315](http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6520011315)

Excerpt from the ARRL Coments:

"7. The real rationale for the selection of the 420-450 MHz band by Petitioner is disclosed on page 2 of the Request. This device was manufactured by Petitioner for use by the United States military in Iraq, where frequency allocations are not the same as they are domestically. Rather than reconfigure the product to operate in domestic applications in accordance with the domestic Table of Allocations, and in accordance with domestic Part 90 or Part 15 rules, the manufacturer's own prior choices are dictating the alleged "need" for the waiver."

— Rex Greenwell KØKP

Be careful what you wish for. I applied for (call sign) plates on 3/28, received these 3 weeks later and just received corrected plates today (6/05).



— Nathaniel Hills KE5OMF

## DX News Briefs



The URE (Spanish Amateur Radio League) operators heading to **4W Timor-Leste** left Madrid, Spain, on 8 June. The trip to Dili will take about 32 hours. They should have arrived about 0800 Local Time on 10 June. The group hopes to be QRV as **4W6R** that evening. This is not a traditional DX-pedition but a "radio solidarity operation." As such, the group may make some unusual requests regarding propagation and spotting, all in efforts to be more efficient. They should be QRV through 24 June on 160—6 meters, using CW, SSB & RTTY, with up to two stations QRV simultaneously. QSL via EA4URE, direct or via the buro. More information and updates available at <http://4w6r.ure.es/home.php?lang=en> — EA9IE

DK7LX will be QRV from **FH Mayotte** 11 through 23 June. He is expecting to use the special callsign **TX7LX**. Activity will be "holiday style" focusing on CW on 80 40 & 30 meters. A special full color QSL will be available. QSL direct w/sufficient return postage, or via the buro, via his home call. He will try to upload his log to <http://logsearch.de> if possible. He specifically requests no dupes and no e-mails. More details via his web site [www.dk7lx.mayotte.2008.ms](http://www.dk7lx.mayotte.2008.ms) — DK7LX

The **HS91LIONS** special event station marks the 91st Lions Clubs International Convention held in Bangkok, Thailand, between 23—27 June. The station is managed by officers and members of the Radio Amateur of Thailand under the royal patronage of "His Majesty the King" and is located in the convention's exhibit hall at the IMPACT Convention Center, Muang Thong Thani. QSL information is via HS1CHB — OPDX

**GD4IOM/p** will be QRV from the Isle of Man (EU-116), CW only, during RSGB National Field Day 7—8 June. QSL via GD4IHC only — MDØCCE

F11QH plans to be QRV as **XT2WC** from 9 June for 2 to 3 weeks. He will be primarily on 20 meters, 100 watts to a G5RV. — F5NQL

Look for special call **7Y46ND** during July from the city of Djelfa. QSL via 7X2DD. A special certificate will be available for an additional fee of \$7 in addition to SAE+IRC for a QSL card — OPDX

Look for K2KW & KD8GKM to be QRV as **PJ6/K2KW** from Saba 1—7 July. Operations will be casual, focusing on 6 meters, with activity 40–17 meters. They may be QRV as **PJ7/K2KW** 8—10 July. QSL via WA4WTG

**D4C** will be active during the IARU HF Championship. QSL via IZ4DPV. More info at [www.d4c.cc](http://www.d4c.cc) — IZ4DPV

**4U1WED** was a special call for World Environment Day from 4U1VIC. QSL ONLY available from eQSL "due to World Environment Day" — OPDX

QSL **S79GB** 14 June—4 July via DH3NB, direct or buro — OPDX

## QSL Routes

1A3A via IZ4DPV — NN3W	HBØ/GØRZJ via VE3EXY — VE3EXY
3D2CI via YT1AD — VE6TP	J5C via F5TVG — WO2N
4L8A via K1BV — N2ZN	J79PN via W4PN — EU7SA
5H1HD via OK1H DU — K1SEZ	J8/DJ7ZG via DL7AFS — W2IRT
5H3G via LA4YW — JA1HGY	PZ5WW via K8DD — K6GEP
5T5DC via DH7WW — KO1H	S21ZDT via SM4XIH — JJ1BDX
5Z4HW via DL7DF — JA1HGY	S51ZZ via NI5DX — K1XN
5JØE via W5PF — JA1HGY	S79GB via DH3NB — KB8NW
6W1SJ via T93Y — W3WN	SU9NC via OM2SA — W2IRT
6W8CK via DH7WW — N2ZN	T19KK via EA1DR — JA1HGY
7P8FC via ON4DJK — W2AY	TS6A via YT1AD — JA1HGY
7Y46ND via 7X2DD — KB8NW	T7ØA via I4ZQS — NN3W
A61Q/P via ON5NT — K1NU	V63OC via KG8CO — JA1HGY
C21DL via DJ2EH — NN3W	VP2E via N5AU — JA1HGY
C31LJ via VE3EXY — VE3EXY	XU7XRO via M3SDE — SV1DPI
C5ØC via OM2FY — K6GEP	XW1B via E21EIC — W4DN
D4C via IZ4DPV — IZ4DPV	VP2EFB — DL9GFB — W4DN
EL2PM via EI2JD — N8DX	Y19SV via N4JR — W2IRT
ET3JA via OK2AA — K1SEZ	YK9G via G2TXF — W2AY
FO/KHØPR via J8DEN — JA1HGY	YN2YV via IT9DAA — W4DN

Thanks to the NJDXA DX News & DX Chat Reflectors, the DX-QSL Reflector, 425 DX News, OPDX News, Diamond DX Club News, ICPO Bulletin, & ARRL DX Bulletin for our DX News information. Thanks also to Bill Moore NC1L / ARRL DXCC Desk, & Bernie McClenny W3UR / The Daily DX for confirmations & additional information.





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## Father's Day for the Troops

Bonner Pittman AAR4FW

If Jeff Hammer N9NIC gets his way, he'll be an awfully busy soldier in the run-up to Father's Day June 15. Captain Hammer represents the Army Military Affiliate Radio System in Iraq, and he has appealed to the families of troops deployed overseas to shower down with holiday messages for their loved ones. These free messages—called MARSgrams—date back to the Korean War when many thousands were delivered. The service continued in Vietnam and the first Gulf War, but had fallen off with the advent of e-mail and cell phones. As the military's Middle East operations continue, however, responses from the area have indicated soldiers treasure the printed MARSgrams as mementos of their deployment, not just a greeting. E-mail just isn't the same. MARSgram traffic spurted last Thanksgiving and Christmas. As for Father's Day MARSgrams, "I am 100 per cent set up to deal with them," Captain Hammer said. "Request you do a media blitz."

Army MARS is a Defense Department-sponsored organization of more than 2,700 amateur radio operators who provide emergency communications backup for government agencies in times of civil calamity. Active-duty service personnel may also join. Parallel MARS units serve the Air Force and Navy-Marine Corps.

A National Guardsman from Indiana, Hammer arrived in Baghdad this spring. He previously served in Afghanistan. In addition to volunteering for the MARS assignment, he is acting as station custodian for the Baghdad Amateur Radio Society. He shipped in his own low-power ham station and began direct receipt of messages May 25. Hammer has to shoehorn his volunteer amateur radio activity into off-duty hours.

Sunday night (June 1) five soldiers including Hammer gathered for a meeting of the Baghdad ham club. The subject was preparing for the hoped-for Father's Day traffic. After a period of instruction on MARS procedure during which the participants wrote their own MARSgrams, Hammer took the members to his personal MARS station to attempt transmission despite difficult propagation conditions.

"We are only running 5 watts on a Yaesu 817 [a small portable shortwave transceiver], but we wanted to give it a try if for no other reason than to see the equipment and demonstrate the procedure," Hammer messaged afterward. "God must have been smiling down on us because after only a few attempts we connected to AEN3QT (Qatar) on the 40 meter band and got all the messages through without any problems."  
 "I am proud to announce," said Hammer, "that we, Army MARS, are on our way to making some history here."

Family members can easily send free MARSgrams overseas by entering their message on the web site [www.mymars.org](http://www.mymars.org). The Army MARS WinLink system automatically relays the Iraq-bound messages to Hammer and his helpers, who produce printouts and envelopes and hand them on to the Military Postal Service for final delivery. A MARSgram travels much faster than ordinary mail and can be delivered wherever American troops serve.

On 18 May 2008, a petition began circulating on the Internet that quotes an unsigned e-mail from the Toronto District Office of Industry Canada (IC) stating that Industry Canada is no longer the regulatory body overseeing the amateur radio service, and that amateur radio is self-policing.

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) contacted IC on 20 May, the first working day after the petition began. IC have confirmed that its contents are incorrect.

IC clearly affirmed they are the regulatory authority for Amateur Radio in Canada. The originator of the petition, Eddie Pereira VA3EDP, has since received a message from the acting Director of IC's Toronto District Office confirming that the original unsigned e-mail was sent in error. RAC asks all Canadian Amateurs to contact RAC first if they have specific concerns about IC's willingness or ability to supervise the Amateur Radio Service.

— RAC Bulletin 2008-13

Antenna Zoning or PRB-1 Issues?

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Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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More information, contact Hamfest Chairmen:

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual BCARA Swapfest

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- So, how did you like the Breezeshooter's Hamfest this year?
- Sorry, no bad puns about whether or not it was all it was cracked up to be...
- **Field Day** is coming up this month... are you ready?

All this & much more... waiting for you right inside... these pages!!



## Where's Randy?

Ever wonder why Randy N2QIV leaves hamfests early? He sings with the ICTUS Community Choir (pictured) and the singers of the Pittsburgh Presbytery most Sundays, along with Kenny N3VVL and Monica Ide. (Not to worry, the Breezeshooter's mailed him the mobile check-in prize!)

The Presbytery group, including Randy, sang the National Anthem at PNC Park on June 6<sup>th</sup>, "the first time I performed at a sporting event since my college band played for the New York Jets at Shea Stadium & the Philadelphia Eagles at Veteran's Stadium!" Photo courtesy of Randy Ide N2QIV.

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