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What A Field Day!

Job Well Done!

To all who attended with us as Mingo Creek Park, great job at Field Day. I am proud of each and everyone that came and tackled the almost impossible. We had Thunderstorms, Driving Rain and Heavy Winds, poor band conditions rotor issues etc... We were able to keep dry, and operate safely tucked away in Jim Sanford WB4GCS's tents with side walls. We had a great turn out!

Setup began Friday with me, N3ZK, Larry K3VX and Dave N3DFK putting antenna ropes in the trees. Friday evening, Paul NØVLR and I delivered the tower trailer to the field day site. Saturday morning bright and early there were folks at the field day site and at breakfast. All of the last minute items were in place by just after 2:00 pm. We did however have an issue mounting the rotor to the tower.

Saturday evening a storm front came through so we all shut down the rigs and computers. When the storm hit, it blew the canopy off of Jim WB4GCS's generator. A few of us raced out to catch it before it blew away so we could re-secure it.

We operated through the night. Thanks to Kevin N3KFD, Paul KB3KOT on CW, Ron W3WN and Paul NØVLR on Phone and Dave N3DFK and Mark N3RDV on Digital. After a 3 ½ hour nap, I awoke at around 3:00 AM-ish to hope back on the radio for the morning shift.

Sunday went well. We even had a period we had to shut down due to yet another storm. We operated up to the last second. Kudos go out to Mark WB3CAI and Frank N3FB for nailing the last of the contacts in the log. Did I mention, Mark WB3CAI... What a contester!!!! Mark operated while his wife logged. Great Job Mark!!

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President's Letter

Field Day

We had a great Field Day in spite of the weather problems. Tons of good food. The wonderful shelters which kept us dry and secure during the storms. Lots of people for setup, operating and tear down. Creative solutions to antenna and rotator problems.

Time to socialize. The club should be proud of this real group effort.

What really impressed me was the club/group/team spirit that we had at this Field Day.

Thanks to all, especially Randy N3ZK for organizing, Jim WB4GCS for the great shelters, the technical team that solved the rotor problem, Glen KE7FD for

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Picnic Meeting: July 10th, 2008

The next monthly meeting of the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC. will be Thursday, July 10th, at Harbor Grove, South Park, from 6—10:00 PM.

This will be a combined Picnic and Radio Equipment & Accessories Auction, featuring Paul "Sell It To The Walls" Lusardi NØVLR as auctioneer.

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

PVGP Needs You!



The 26th Annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Vintage Car Races will be held on the weekend of July 19th & 20th in Pittsburgh's historic Schenley Park. The culmination of a ten day's worth of racing, festival, and events, the Vintage Car Races are the only sanctioned Vintage races held on city streets in North America.

Since it's start as a one-day event in 1993, Amateur Radio operators have been an integral and welcome part of the PVGP family. Our primary purpose is to provide race officials with communications from the track safety and flag workers, so that they know almost instantly what is going during practice and race sessions, especially when a car breaks down or runs into trouble... and even though they're built to race, break down on track they do!

Every year, Amateur operators are needed to help cover the 25 flag and safety positions on the course, plus additional communications with the Paddock, Start/Finish, and other racing areas. It's not too late to volunteer! Even if you can only make one day or part of one day for the weekend, all help is needed and appreciated. And, no experience necessary — "on the job" training provided!



Interested? Intrigued?
Want to know more?

Contact Corky N3MJJ,
Race Communications
Coordinator, by calling
(724) 217-5458. He'll fill
you in on all the details.

Be ready to have a lot of
fun!



WASH 2008 OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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	Bill Hill W3WH
	Kevin Smith N3HKQ
Activities & Operating Events	Larry Comden K3VX
Ways & Means	Carol Danko KB3GMN
Field Day 2008 Coordinator	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 July 17th

The Next WASH VE exam sessions will be Thursday, July 17th, 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

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 16th, 2008
 Thursday, January 15th, 2009 (tentative)
 Thursday, April 16th, 2009
 Thursday, July 16th, 2009

WIRELESS ASSOCIATION'S 15th Anniversary 1993 – 2008

This year marks the 15th 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 and cheery Field Day morning, with only hints of the storm clouds to come later, greeted the **WASH Breakfast Gang** on June 28th at **The Beach House** in Finleyville. This month's gathering was made up of K3VX, N3DFK, N2QIV, N3FB, KB3GMU & W3WN. Morning topics were Field Day (imagine that), a Sheriff's Visit to FD, Medical School, the "Annual Lube Oil & Filter," cost of college, analog vs. digital signals, the Magic "T" and "one transmitter down," "Live" news crews and feeds, watching the weather channel, observatory location, *Deliverance* and Horse Trailers, back surgery, sling shots, and PA PRB-1... and then ye editor stopped taking notes.

See what you've missed out on... or even add to the mayhem! Join us at the next **WASH Breakfast**, on Saturday, July 26th, 8:00 AM at **The Beach House**, Library Road (Route 88) n Finleyville, just south of Trax Farms. See you there!

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

With everything else going on the last few weeks, it's almost too easy to forget that the beginning of August will bring us the **Pittsburgh 250 on-air operating event** for most of the Pittsburgh area clubs. We are committed to **operating N3SH on Saturday, August 2nd, from the Carnegie Science Center**. In addition, the USS Requin ARC has asked if we'd have any club members available to help their crew **operate NY3EC on Sunday, August 3rd, from the USS Requin Radio Room**, or at least from nearby (that radio room is cramped!). If you'd be available at any time on either day to help operate during the City of Pittsburgh's 250th birthday celebration, please contact Larry K3VX for more information.

This year's **club picnic & auction** sounds like it's going to be a lot of fun! Bob AB3ED has put a lot of effort into getting it organized, so if you & your family plan to attend, make sure you let him know ASAP!

The club will be providing burgers & dogs. Everyone is asked to bring a "pot luck" salad or desert to share, plus drinks (nothing alcoholic, we don't have a permit for it) and chairs to sit on.

The auction is limited to "Ham Radio related stuff, accessories, gadgets, gear and electronics" and we hear there are some real nice surprises to be available. You set the minimum price, with a 90/10 split between you and the club. With Paul "Sell It To The Walls" Lusardi NØVLR as the auctioneer... anything goes (and probably will!)

And — the weatherman promises a nice evening to boot! (No Rain!) It's going to be a lot of fun!

WASHNet 2008 NCS Schedule

07/13 – Frank N3FB	10/19 – Bill W3WH
07/20 – Hank KB3FNM	10/26 – Kevin N3HKQ
07/27 – Paul NØVLR	11/02 – Harold K3HCR
08/03 – Dave N3DFK	11/09 – Carol KB3GMN or Richie N3SBF
08/10 – Kevin N3HKQ	11/16 – Frank N3FB
08/17 – Bill W3WH	11/23 – Hank KB3FNM
08/24 – Hank KB3FNM	11/30 – Paul NØVLR
08/31 – Harold K3HCR	12/07 – Dave N3DFK
09/07 – Carol KB3GMN or Richie N3SBF	12/14 – Kevin N3HKQ
09/14 – Frank N3FB	12/21 – Bill W3WH
09/21 – Hank KB3FNM	12/28 – Hank KB3FNM
09/28 – Paul NØVLR	Alternates
10/05 – Kevin N3HKQ	Dave N3IDH
10/12 – Dave N3DFK	Ron W3WN

Directions to the WASH Picnic & Auction at Harbor Grove in South Park are located on Page 4 after the club meeting minutes. Talk in as always on the 146.955 & 443.650 repeaters.

2008 PA QSO Party (Preliminary Plans)

Early plans by club members for this year's Pennsylvania QSO Party on October 11th & 12th are starting to come together. Every year, we have a blast operating in the event, and this year should be no different!

What we know of so far:

- Larry K3VX is organizing a group to **Armstrong County (Team N3SH?)**
- Dan KB3HVN & Kevin N3HKQ have expressed interest in returning to **Fayette County (Team WA3SH?)**
- Randy N3ZK & crew will be operating again from his mom's house in **Venango County as Team N3ZK**
- For those who can't travel or will only have limited operating that weekend, Ron W3WN will be hosting a multi-op effort from his home in **Allegheny County as Team W3WN**

More to Come!

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

Minutes, June 12th Meeting

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

Larry K3VX, **called** the meeting **to order** at 19:00 hours. There were 29 members and guests in attendance.

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

Committee reports:

Treasurer (N3RDV): No Report.

Secretary (N3FB): No Report

VE Report (N3ZEL): Volunteers are needed for next VE session. There is a last minute VE Session this Saturday at the EOC classroom in Washington County.

Repeaters (N3RNX, W3SRL & N3FB): Discussion on the N3FB repeater regarding why it was offline for a week (it's back).

Activities (AB3ED): Bob AB3ED, reminded us that the next meeting is a club picnic. It will be Thursday, July 10th at Harbor Grove in South Park. There will also be an auction that night. We would like to promote this as a family event. Bring lawn chairs! Paul NØVLR, will be the auctioneer of ham radio and electronics stuff. No lava lamps, tiki lights, Velvet Elvi and the like. A motion was made for the club to buy burgers and dogs by Bob AB3ED, and Carol KB3GMN, seconded. The motion was voted on and passed.

FM Net Report (N3HKQ): Kevin N3HKQ, is preparing the next net schedule; please see him to get on the list.

Ways and Means (KB3GMN): 50/50 after the meeting.

Public Service (N3RDV): Dave N3IDH, thanked everyone who participated in the race in Bentleyville. The annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix race is coming soon.

Website (N3ZK): Website is working, reported Randy.

Contests (K3VX): August 2nd & 3rd are the dates for the Pittsburgh 250 celebration. Some local clubs are operating a special event station around this event. We have made arrangements to work from the Carnegie Science Center on August 2nd. The submarine will be on the air on August 3rd. There is a meeting on Saturday, July 19th at Steel City ARC to go over the special event in detail.

Field Day (N3ZK): About 17 people have signed up so far. Bill has connected us with batteries. Hank is getting some ice. Carol & Jim have provided tents. We will need lawn chairs. Club will buy burgers, dogs and buns. We ask if you are coming, please bring a covered dish and let Randy know what you are bringing so he can keep a list.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: Randy N3ZK, reported that Ted W4ZE, sold his house.

Good of the Order: Glenn KE7FD brought back band plans and handouts from Dayton; he made them available to anyone for the taking.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Carol KB3GMN, and seconded by Randy N3ZK. The motion was voted on and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 19:43 and followed by a presentation by Larry K3VX, and Bill W3WH.

Directions to Harbor Grove:

From the South Park Main Entrance [The 5 Way intersection of Corrigan Drive, Library Road (State Route 88), South Park Road & Baptist Road by the GetGo, McDonald's, and Pasta Too]

Enter the park and proceed on Corrigan Drive past the Skating Rink; go ½ way around the circle and continue to the traffic light.

Left onto Maple Springs Drive.

Harbor is the first grove on your right, about 50 yards from Corrigan Drive.

WASH Spotlight: N3HKQ NCS



Kevin N3HKQ running the **WASH** Sunday Evening Net from his deck, with totally portable equipment, on July 6th. The battery powering his FT-817 is under the table, out of sight.

Photo by Peg Smith, courtesy of and ©Copyright 2008 Kevin Smith N3HKQ

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 Finleyville, just south of Trax Farms and adjacent to Mineral Beach. Start time is about 8 AM until ????? Monitor 146.955 & 443.650 for talk-in or any last minute changes.

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

Wireless Association of South Hills Membership

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	WB3CAI	KE3XB	N3KEH
KA3TWI	NØVLR	N3ZEL	WB4GCS	N3YPB	N3OBD
KB3FNM	N1NCZ	N3ZK	WO3Z	WASH OH	N3SKR
KB3GMN	N3AWF	N3ZNI	Jane Wagner	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	

Through June 30th, 2008

List compiled by

Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

N3SH Field Day Photos



WB3CAI & KB3FNM



N3HKQ calculating satellite passes



N3DFK & K3VX



K3VX on CW



N3SH 4A QRV! Left to Right: N3KFD's Back, N3ZK, K3VX, KE7FD, and N2QIV at the Highly Versatile Orange Box

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Field Day 2008 was a complete success. Great Food, Lots of fun and we even managed to wake up Paul NØVLR at 6:30 am to cook us breakfast!!!!

The results are:

Number of Participants: Approx 25
 Total CW QSO's: 407 X 2 = Total CW QSO points: 814
 Total Digital QSO's: 41 X 2 = Total Digital QSO points: 82
 Total Phone QSO's: 745 X 1 = Total Phone QSO points: 745
 Total QSO points: 1641
 Power Multiplier: 2
 Claimed Score: 3282
 Bonus Points Claimed: 850
 Overall Score: 4132
 Total QSO's 1193

Did I mention, Great job everyone!

Oh, and I also enjoyed the 4:00 am cream puffs Mark N3RDV brought me. Boy what a treat. Until next year.... Thanks!

— Randy George N3ZK

2008 N3SH Field Day Chairman

Last Year's results:

N3SH: Score 5312 Category 5A QSO's 1430

President's Letter

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guarding the equipment Friday night, Paul NØVLR for the grilling and the setup/operating/tear down teams.

Pulling together we had one of the best Field Days ever!

Question for Future Field Days

Do we want to use the Observatory site next year?

Positive:

- Good VHF/UHF site;
- Lots of tall trees;
- Possible public exposure in conjunction with Star Party.

Negative:

- No permanent shelter
- Trees not conveniently placed – need additional supports
- More setup effort required.

Please comment to the reflector or web site. This should be a group decision.

— 73, Larry Comden K3VX, President
 Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc.
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More N3SH Field Day Photos



Dawn on Sunday

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 NØVLR



NØVLR Celebrates, KB3NVL ponders, N3ZK sleeps



AMSAT Symposium Antenna Builders, L—R:
 Jacob Nawrocki, KB3NVL, KB3NVM, Steven Nawrocki

2008 WASH Meeting Night Program Topics

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

July 10 th	Swap & Shop: Junquè, Freebies, Good Stuff	At South Park shelter Paul NØVLR Auctioneer
July 12 th	NW PA Hamfest, Erie	hamfest@nw-pa-hamfest.com
July 13 th	North Hills ARC Hamfest	http://www.nharc.org
July 17 th	WASH VE Exams	Jacquè Gosselin N3ZEL, VE Team Leader (724) 746-9235
July 19 th - 20 th	26th Annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix	
July 20 th	Somerset Co ARC Hamfest	http://www.k3smt.org
July 20 th	WPA Repeater Council Meeting	http://www.wprc.us
July 26 th	SWPA Packet Group Meeting	http://swppg.zelie.com
August 2 nd - 3 rd	Pittsburgh 250 Special Event	http://www.pghhistory.org
August 14 th	Antennas: VHF & UHF	<i>To Be Announced</i>
August 24 th	Skyview RS Hamfest	http://www.skyviewradio.net
August 30 th	Uniontown ARC Gabfest	http://www.w3pie.org
September 7 th	Butler County ARA Swapfest	dzibrat@zoominternet.net
September 11 th	Contests: Warm-Up for the Season	<i>To Be Announced</i>
September 27 th	SWPA Packet Group Meeting	http://swppg.zelie.com
October 9 th	Hi-Tech: APRS, ARF, SDR, EchoLink, D-Star	<i>To Be Announced</i>
October 11 th & 12 th	51st Annual, 2008 Pennsylvania QSO Party	
October 16 th	WASH VE Exams	Jacquè Gosselin N3ZEL, VE Team Leader (724) 746-9235
November 2 nd	WACOM Hamfest	http://wacomarc.org
November 13 th	Emergency Communications	<i>To Be Announced</i>
December 11 th	Boat Anchors & Antique Radios	<i>To Be Announced</i>
December 31 st	Straight Key Night	http://www.arrl.org
January 10 th 2009	WASH 2 Meter Simplex Contest	http://www.n3sh.org
February 22 nd 2009	WASHFest 2009	http://www.n3sh.org

Has Roadway found the tower yet?

N3SH Field Day Photos : The Night Shift

Front to Back:
N3RDV
KB3KOT
NØVLR
K3VX



Weather Break



N3KFD



KE7FD almost "washed out" by the flash w/ N3KFD & WB4GCS



"What? What? Hello, Radio?" N3ZK, N2QIV



N3DFK, KB3KOT



"Does Text Messaging count as a UHF or an SHF transmitter?" NØVLR & K3VX



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"Watch where you point that thing!" N3HKQ



Is N3KFD discussing FD strategy with N3KFD, or just asking why the grill is off?



N3RDV

Yet More N3SH Field Day Photos



Left to Right: WB4GCS, KB3FNM, K3HCR, K3VX, N3FB, KB3NVL



So THAT'S what it looked like with the flaps down! WB4GCS, KB3FNM, Mary Lou, K3HCR, K3VX, N3FB, KB3GMU



View from the back... including the tower trailer (center), the antenna supports (L & R) and the ominous sign of impending weather overhead



Lots of Goodies!



KB3NVM & the HVOB



Weather improves, so up goes the tower & antennas!

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ARRL Tells Red Cross of Continuing Background Check Concerns

ARRL Web Extra courtesy of the American Radio Relay League

ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN, has written to Armond T. Mascelli, Vice President for Domestic Disaster response for the American Red Cross (ARC) to identify the ARRL's remaining concerns over the background check policy for ARC partners. Harrison emphasized that the commencement of negotiation of a replacement *Statement of Understanding (SOU)* between the two organizations should not be further delayed while these concerns are resolved and that he looked forward to signing a new *SOU* once additional edits to the background check Disclosure Form and clarifications of the background check Authorization Form are in place for those radio amateurs who volunteer their service to the Red Cross.

Harrison first wrote to Mascelli on November 28th, 2007, setting out the ARRL's concerns with the background check procedures recently implemented by the ARC. ARC now requires a background check for Amateur Radio volunteers seeking to support a Red Cross disaster relief response for more than a seven day period. In the ARRL's view, Amateur Radio volunteers were being asked to consent to a more intrusive background check than was necessary or appropriate.

Mascelli's reply on May 8th, 2008, addressed some of the ARRL's concerns and Harrison's latest letter to the ARC -- sent on June 30, 2008 -- recognizes considerable improvement in the forms related to the background check procedures that are linked via the ARC's Web site; however, Harrison also states that analysis of the forms has revealed two continuing problems:

- The *Authorization for Background Investigation* consent form still contains "some highly equivocal and broad language which, because of its ambiguity, will inevitably discourage substantial numbers of radio amateurs from participating in the background check process." This form was not included with Mascelli's reply and was not seen by the ARRL until later.
- The "Disclosure Regarding Background Investigation" can still be construed as overly broad, although this can be corrected by fairly simple edits.

Harrison told Mascelli, "We do not want the implementation of these additional changes to further delay the negotiation of the terms of a replacement *SOU*. A new *SOU* is, in my view, a critical and urgent matter. Because the old *SOU* expired on September 16, 2007, the vacuum thereafter has served neither ARRL nor ARC well." ARRL and ARC staff are ready to work on a draft replacement *SOU*, the text of which will be reviewed by the ARRL's Programs and Services Committee and approved by either the Executive Committee or the Board prior to completion.

Harrison concluded, "We look forward to continuing to provide seamless disaster response communications by Amateur Radio and to enhancing and expanding ARRL's proud partnership with the American Red Cross. I look forward to meeting with you and executing the new *SOU* once additional edits to the Disclosure Form, and adequate clarifications are included in the Authorization Form that appears on your web site for partner organizations are made, and when the new *SOU* terms are agreed upon."

I had noise from the local power line. S-9+40 over on all frequencies from Broadcast to FM. Called the power company.

1. Linemen can't fix.
2. They (the linemen) referred my call to the engineers.
3. They (the engineers) would call me and set up an appointment to install a device to monitor line voltage. (I could not get into anyone's head there was nothing wrong with the voltage, it's RFI!)
4. No one called
5. Noise still there. I was basically shut down from any HF activity.
6. New thunderstorm rolls through one Friday night.
7. Lightning hits power pole that was making the noise.
8. Lighting strike takes out one transformer (there's three on this pole!) and BBQs assorted parts.
9. Linemen replace transformer and repair parts.
10. Noise is gone.
11. Noise is gone.

Life is good!

— Mike Bryce WB8VGE

DX News Briefs

The **4W6R** DXpedition went QRT after ~16,000 QSO's made under poor conditions. Equipment was left behind at the University to hopefully encourage local operators. CT1ERC remained behind and hopes to be QRV as **4W6UTL** or **4W6ERC** until sometime in August; QSL via CT1ERC — CT1END, EA3BHK



A group will be activating **VK9X Christmas Island** 14—21 July, following a small scheduling change. Stations include **VK9XWWW**, **VK9XHZ**, **VK9KOR**, and **VK9XME**. They will operate 3 stations 160—6 meters. QSL all via EA4URE — ZL2AL, EA3GHZ

OJØA will be QRV from Market Reef during the IARU World Championship 12—13 July. Operators will be QRV as OJØ/ their own calls before and after the contest, except OH1VR who will be QRV as **OJØVR**. Up to three stations will be QRV 160—6 meters. QSL the portable stations to their home calls, OJØVR via OH1VR, and OJØA via OH3RM — OH3RM

Champ E21EIC Champ and his bride Neeranuch E2ØNKB are now running the **Thailand RAST QSL Bureau**. They have dedicated a room in their home to the duties. Wedding photos can be seen at <http://www.goitah.com>. — W3UR, OPDX

S57CQ is now QRV as **EY8/S57CQ** Tajikistan for "several weeks." QSL via S57DX — S57DX

7X5JF reports that Algerian authorities have revoked operating privileges for the 80 and 17 meter bands, and for the VHF & UHF bands as well. No explanation was given, nor is it known if this is temporary or for an extended period of time — DL1BDF, OPDX

W5KDJ is now QRV as **YN2KDJ** from YN2N's home through 14 July. He is emphasizing 160 & 80 meter RTTY, with CW on other bands and an entry in the IARU championship. He is uploading logs to eQSL and LotW on a regular basis. QSL via W5KDJ. — W5KDJ

K5UO and WF5W will be QRV as **HKØCW** during the CQ 160 Meter CW contest 24—25 January. QSL via W5PF — OPDX

UX3MR will be QRV as 4L9MR from Georgia through 3 August. QSL via home call, direct or via bureau — UX3MR

K7HC will be QRV as **V31HC** 1—15 September, 80—10 meters CW & SSB including 60 meters. QSL via K7HC — OPDX

Look for father & son **FP/KV1J** and **FP/W1MAT** 9—14 July, 80—6 meters CW, SSB, RTTY & PSK-31. They will also be QRV during the IARU. QSL via home calls & they will upload to LotW — KV1J, 425DX

6V7L will be F8ATM 8—22 August. QSL via home call — F8ATM

QSL Routes

1A4A via IZ4DPV — JA1HGY
 3D2A via VK4AN — K6GEP
 3DAØZO via OHØXX — KZ2I
 5N45EAM via IK2IQD — OZ7C
 5R8O via G3SWH — N8DX
 5Z1A via PA1AW — K6GEP
 6W1Sj via T93Y — W4DN
 7P8FC via ON4CJK — W4DN
 7Q7BP via G3MRC — W2AY
 8R1PW via G3SWH — W2AY
 9J2BO via G3TEV — K1SEZ
 9XØW via DK2WV — JA1HGY
 9XØX via DJ6SI — W2AY
 C21DL via DJ2BH — W2IRT
 CU1CB via EA5KB — JA1HGY
 D4C via IZ4DPV — W2IRT
 ED9NA via EA9GW — EA4ZK
 EK3AA via IK2QPR — W2IRT
 ET3JA via OK3AA — JA1HGY
 EX2X via EA5KB — N8DX

FO/KHØPR via JJ8DEN — AA5AM
 GB6MD via GM4FDM — GM4FDM
 HP3DX via W4WX — N8DX
 J2ØRR via I2YSB — W4DN
 J37K via AC8G — N8DX
 J5C via F5TVG — JA1HGY
 J7DX via W9IU — K6GEP
 PJ5NA via K1NA — W2IRT
 S21ZDX via HSØZGD — JQ2GYU
 TI9KK via EA1DR — W2IRT
 TO5A via F5VHJ — W4DN
 V63TR via K8AQM — K1SEZ
 V8FGM via PG5M — JA1HGY
 VP6PR via JJ8DEN — AA5AM
 YI9PT via N4XP — NN3W
 VK9ML via VK4APG — VE6TP
 YK9SV via SV1JG — JA1HGY
 YU8/OH2R via OH2BN — JA1HGY
 ZD8RH via G4DBW — JA1HGY
 ZK2CC via DL4RDJ — K1NU

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FCC News

ARRL Web Extra courtesy of the American Radio Relay League

On Thursday, July 3, Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH -- the man who has come to embody Amateur Radio Enforcement - will say goodbye to the FCC as he retires and begins his life as a private citizen. In May, Hollingsworth announced he would definitely retire; he had contemplated retiring in January 2008, but cited "several issues on the table that I want[ed] to continue to work through with the amateur community." While his successor has not yet been named, he was quick to point out that the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue.

Hollingsworth said that he has "loved" working for the FCC and has "always had great jobs, but this one involving the Amateur Radio Service has been the most fun and I have enjoyed every day of it. I've worked with the best group of licensees on earth, enjoyed your support and tremendous FCC support and looked forward every day to coming to work. The Amateur Radio Enforcement program will continue without missing a beat, and after retirement I look forward to being involved with Amateur Radio every way I can. I thank all of you for being so dedicated and conscientious, and for the encouragement you give us every day."



K4ZDH Photo courtesy of the American Radio Relay League

Saying it has been a "privilege to work with and for the Amateur Radio licensees and the land mobile frequency coordinators," Hollingsworth said that he is "extremely fortunate to work for two wonderful groups of people: Those at headquarters in the Enforcement Bureau, and for the Amateur Radio operators."

Before joining the FCC, Hollingsworth, a South Carolina native, graduated from the University of South Carolina and Wake Forest University School of Law. While in high school, He worked as a disc jockey for WRHI, an AM station in Rock Hill, South Carolina. "It's a funny thing," Hollingsworth said. "They once held a beauty pageant in Rock Hill and nobody won!" In the mid-1970s, he was a "Nader's

Raider" and worked on brown lung disease in the North and South Carolina textile mills.

"Basically I'm just an ordinary guy caught in the cross-hairs of radio history," Hollingsworth said. "But I am proud of the fact that the digital clock on my VCR has been blinking for 4 years."

Hollingsworth told the ARRL he was "so very impressed" with the young people who are involved with Amateur Radio: "To the very young Amateur Radio operators I have met who have dreams of being scientists and astronauts and communications engineers, we will be pulling for you; I have a strong feeling we won't be disappointed."

Calling the Amateur Radio Service a part of the American heritage, Hollingsworth explained that he is "going to stay as actively involved in it as I possibly can. Thank you all for working tirelessly to provide the only fail safe communications system on Earth and for helping this country keep its lead in science and technology. What an incredible gift it has been to work with you every day, and how fortunate we are to love the magic of radio! Every gift of lasting value comes with responsibility. We must never forget what we owe for our spectrum privileges. I will continue working with you in every way I can to ensure that Amateur Radio lasts a thousand year

On Field Day: I had a BALL. I'm proud of the way we "adapted, improvised, and overcame" the ethereal conditions. I'm thrilled with the workout my generator got, glad my tents were useful (further justifying their initial cost) and quite pleased with the satellite stuff Kevin put together, and the results we got on VHF/UHF:

- VA on 70 cm . . . YAAAAHOOOOOO!
- Nova Scotia on 6 m YAAAAHOOOOOO!

Thank you all for a great time!

— Very 73, Jim Sanford WB4GCS

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Ron W3LE & Randy N3ZK guarding, er, posing with the Tower Trailer during N3SH Field Day

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