



PA QSO Now!

The weekend of the 2008 Pennsylvania QSO Party is upon us! Every year, we have a blast operating in the event, and this year should be no different!

The 2008 Rules for the contest, as taken from the web site, are on pages 8—10, for your convenience. Check the web site at <http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.htm> for last minute changes, and other forms to download.

All club members — and for that matter, all active Amateur Radio operators in PA — are encouraged to get on the air and help everyone have a blast!

Don't have an HF license, or a limited HF license? Not to worry. Between the club operations over the weekend, and club members running their own stations during the contest, if you'd like to help operate, we'll find a space for you!

Here's what we know of, with a week or so to go:

- Larry K3VX has located a campground and is putting together a portable operation to **Armstrong** County as **N3SH**
- Randy N3ZK & crew will be operating again from his mom's house in **Venango** County as **N3ZK**
- Rich N3SBF & Carol KB3GMN will be operating from their hunting cabin in **Clarion** County as **N3SBF**
- Mark WB3CAI is planning to be QRV in **Indiana** County on Saturday as **WB3CAI**.
- Bill W3WH plans to be QRV as **W3WH** Mobile as he returns from a trip to NJ.
- Ed N3ZNI will once again be QRV as **N3ZNI** Mobile
- For those who can't travel or will only have limited operating time available that weekend, Ron W3WN will be hosting a multi-operator / single transmitter effort from his home in **Allegheny** County as **W3WN**

WASH 2008 Christmas / Holiday Party

Plans have already begun for this year's Christmas/Holiday party.

Bob AB3ED has graciously invited us to have our Christmas social on Saturday, December 13th, at his QTH in Pleasant Hills.

This will be an Adults only event.

The details haven't been worked out yet as to the menu. Suggestions are welcome!

A Chinese Auction and other events are planned.

I would like get responses as to attendance. Please email me if you think you may attend and if so how many will come, as I will not be able to attend the October meeting.

— 73 Carol Danko KB3GMN
n3sbf@comcast.net

SB-884 Passes!

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Next Meeting: October 9th, 2008

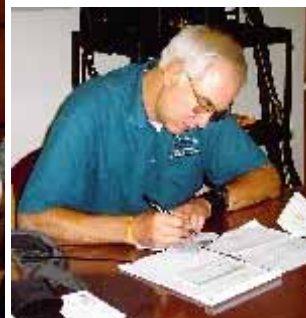
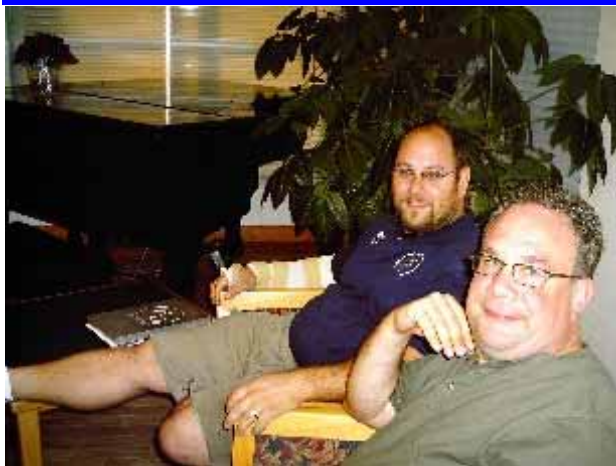
The next monthly meeting of the **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.** will be Thursday, October 9th, at the **Peters Township Library**, 616 East McMurray Road, McMurray, starting at 7:00 PM.

Topics include the upcoming Pa QSO Party, and Officer Nominations for 2009.

Our presentation tonight will be a video from last year's AMSAT Symposium, courtesy of Dan KB3HVN. Bring a friend!

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

“Seen” at the Club Meeting



We had a nice turnout at the September *WASH* meeting, bumped up to the library's Music Room... see for yourself!

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WASH 2008 OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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|----------------|---------------------|
| President | Larry Comden K3VX |
| VP / Secretary | Frank Bobro N3FB |
| VP / Treasurer | Mark Stabryla N3RDV |

AND WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| N3SH / WA3SH Trustee | Steve Lane W3SRL |
| NP2SH Trustee | Paul Jordan NP2JF |
| N3SH / WA3SH / NP2SH QSL Manager | Ed Oelschlager N3ZNI |
| VE Team Liaison | Jacqué Gosselin N3ZEL |
| Webmaster | Randy George N3ZK |
| Quartermaster | Harold Rosenberger K3HCR |
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| | Carol Danko KB3GMN |
| | Bill Hill W3WH |
| | Kevin Smith N3HKQ |
| Activities & Operating Events | Larry Comden K3VX |
| Ways & Means | Carol Danko KB3GMN |
| Field Day 2009 Coordinator | T B D |

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 WASHRag*™” which can be found at www.washrag.info

WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test October 16th

The Next WASH VE exam sessions will be Thursday, October 16th, 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, January 15th, 2009
 Thursday, April 16th, 2009
 Thursday, July 16th, 2009
 Thursday, October 15th, 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!!

September 27th was another overcast, drizzly Saturday morning, which never deterred **the WASH Breakfast Gang** for this month's get-together at **The Beach House** in Finleyville. Unfortunately, Ye Editor had a family obligation that morning, so we have no report of attendees or topics (if we get one, we'll put it in next month)

Halloween is coming up, so why not take a break from the CQ WW DX Contest SSB, and join us on Saturday, October 25th for the next **WASH Breakfast**, on Saturday, August 30th, 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 last month. Can you believe it?

On the mend: Mike N3BSQ tells us that his father-in-law is not doing well. Please keep him in your thoughts.

Change of Venue: Paul NØVLR has been the #1 Employee at IQ Inc. since he came to our area... really, he was their first hire, and one of their biggest cheerleaders. Earlier this month, that all changed. Westinghouse made Paul an offer he couldn't refuse... Congratulations!

BREAKING NEWS: TOWER LEGISLATION PASSED

On Tuesday, October 7th, 2008 at 6:18 pm, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives **PASSED SB- 884**. The vote was Yes - 196 and No - 1.

With the Senate having passed the bill previously, it now goes to the Governor for his signature.

Congratulations to ALL!!! — *John Rodgers N3MSE, ARRL WPA Section Manager and Eric Olena WB3FPL, ARRL EPA Section Manager*

At 18:16 today, House Majority Leader H. William DeWeese called Senate Bill 884, An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, restricting municipalities from regulating amateur radio service communications, to the floor of the House of Representatives for Third Consideration. The Members approved the bill as called for a vote for final passage. The vote was announced at 18:18 and was 196 to 1 in favor of the bill. The Speaker ordered the clerk to inform the Senate that the SB-884 bill had been passed in the House.

The last two steps are (1) For the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to sign the bill in the presence of their respective bodies, and (2) For the Governor to take action. Actually, the Governor has three options: (1) He can sign the bill into law, or (2) He can permit the bill to become law without signing it, or (3) He can veto the bill. — *Chuck McMullen K3CM*

WASHNet 2008 NCS Schedule

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

Don't forget: 2009 WASH Club Officer Nominations open at the October meeting!

IARU Endorsed Booklet Promoting Ethics, Operating Issues, Now Available

A 67-page booklet, "Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur" by John Devoldere ON4UN, and Mark Demeuleneere ON4WW, is available for free download from the ARRL Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/Eth-operating-ENarrl-SITE-1jul2008.pdf>. The booklet is an "Americanized" version of the booklet that the authors wrote for an international audience. An international version is also available.

At its June 2008 meeting, the IARU Administrative Council endorsed and recommended the principles set out in the booklet as a means of encouraging all radio amateurs "to operate to the highest levels of proficiency, with proper consideration for others using the amateur radio bands" and as a tool "to teach newcomers and others correct operating behavior." The booklet mainly addresses HF operating issues, but the principles are also applicable to VHF and higher bands.

ARRL Chief Executive Officer and IARU Secretary David Sumner K1ZZ, expressed appreciation for Devoldere's and Demeuleneere's efforts: "The authors are well known, experienced HF operators who are concerned about on-the-air operating standards and who decided that 'It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness.' Anyone who reads their booklet will learn something, no matter how experienced they may be."

Join WASH or Renew your Membership for 2009 Today! Membership Application on Page 13

Minutes, September 11th Meeting

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

Larry K3VX, **called** the meeting **to order** at 19:00 hours. There were 20 members and guests in attendance.

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

Committee reports:

Treasurer (N3RDV): Mark reported the club's account balances.

Secretary (N3FB): No Report.

VE Report (N3ZEL): Next VE Session is on the usual third Thursday of the quarter, October 16th.

Repeaters (N3RNX, W3SRL & N3FB):

- The Pittsburgh receive site is temporarily down. The building that it was attached to is no longer standing. It will be moved to the remaining part of the building probably next week.
- The 2 meter side is working well according to Pete N3RNX. Steve W3SRL, will be the point man to gain access to the repeater.

FM Net Report (N3HKQ): Hank KB3FNM, has been removed from the net operator list.

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

Public Service (N3IDH): Sat, Oct 4th, a simulated emergency test is scheduled for South Western Pennsylvania.

Contests (K3VX): VHF contest is coming soon, then the CA QSO party, which is the weekend before the PA QSO Party.

Newsletter (W3WN): It is out. If you know anyone who wants to receive it, encourage them to get on the list to receive it.

President's Report (K3VX): no report

Quartermaster (K3HCR): Everything is accounted for.

Old Business: None.

New Business: WACOM Ham fest is November 2nd. Two meter contest is coming in January; our ham fest is coming in February.

Good of the Order: Bob AB3ED, made a plea (his second one) for a projector.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Ron W3WN, and seconded by Randy N3ZK. The motion was voted on and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 19:29.

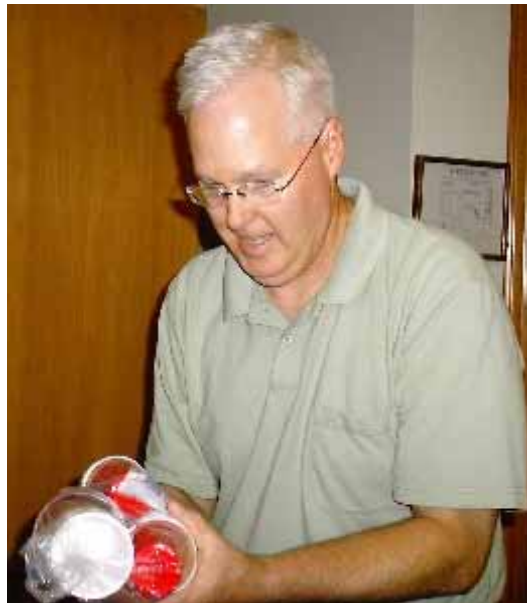


A few more "Seen" photos from September's meeting

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WASH Spotlight: N3HKQ



Kevin N3HKQ breaking out the refreshments at the September club meeting

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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 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

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|--------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| AB3ED | KB3KOT | N3DFK | W3LE | WASH FL | Silent Keys |
| AB3EN | KB3KQY | N3FB | W3RJM | KA3UPY | |
| AC4KU | KB3NSG | N3FPF | W3RWS | W4ZE | |
| AE3DL | KB3NVL | N3HKQ | W3SRL | WASH GA | |
| K3AIR | KB3NVM | N3KFD | W3VFA | K30L | K3EED |
| K3HCR | KB3ORR | N3MJP | W3WH | KB3IJX | (George) |
| K3LGM | KB3PSB | N3PN | W3WN | WASH NE | KB3ENX |
| K3SGT | KB3QHB | N3QMV | W4ZE | NØPEU | KB3FQT |
| K3VX | KB3QHC | N3RDV | WA3JPP | WASH OH | N3FZ |
| K3WJL | KC4WTT | N3RNX | WA3NB | N8DPW | N3KEH |
| KA3TWI | KE7FD | N3SBF | W3RVD | WASH TN | N3OBD |
| KB3FNM | KE8RN | N3TIR | WA4ONC | KE3XB | N3SKR |
| KB3GMN | NØVLR | N3XI | WB3CAI | N3YPB | N3SRC |
| KB3GMP | N1NCZ | N3ZEL | WB4GCS | WASH TX | N3XFE |
| KB3GMU | N2QIV | N3ZK | W03Z | K3LGM | W3ZLK |
| KB3GUZ | N3AWF | N3ZNI | Jane Wagner | Jane Wagner | |
| KB3HFP | N3BPB | NU3S | Thomas L. | WASH VI | |
| KB3HVN | N3CZZ | W3JJC | Tulley | NP2JF | |

Through September 30th, 2008

List compiled by

Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

2008 WASH Meeting Night Program Topics

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

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| October 9 th | Featured Video from the 2007 AMSAT Symposium | Dan McCann KB3HVN |
| October 11 th & 12 th | 51st Annual, 2008 Pennsylvania QSO Party | |
| October 16 th | WASH VE Exams | Jacqué Gosselin N3ZEL, VE Team Leader (724) 746-9235 |
| October 18 th & 19 th | ARRL International EME Competition | http://www.arrl.org |
| October 18 th & 19 th | Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air | |
| October 19 th | WPA Repeater Council Annual Meeting & Officer's Election, Clarion, PA | http://www.wprc.us |
| October 19 th | AMTRAK Ham Rail Fan Adventure — Pittsburgh to Altoona & Back | 1-800-USARAIL Must be at Pittsburgh AMTRAK Station by Noon to get preferred seating |
| October 20 th | School Club Roundup | http://www.arrl.org/SCR |
| October 25 th & 26 th | CQ WW DX SSB Contest | http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com |
| November 1 st - 3 rd | ARRL Sweepstakes CW | http://www.arrl.org |
| November 2 nd | WACOM Hamfest | http://wacomarc.org |
| November 13 th | Emergency Communications | <i>To Be Announced</i> |
| November 15 th & 16 th | ARRL International EME Competition | http://www.arrl.org |
| November 15 th - 17 th | ARRL Sweepstakes SSB | http://www.arrl.org |
| November 29 th | SWPA Packet Group Meeting, Blue Flame Restaurant, Rt. 51 | http://swppg.zelie.com geno570@verizon.net |
| November 29 th & 30 th | CQ WW DX CW Contest | http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com |
| December 5 th - 7 th | ARRL 160 Meter Contest | http://www.arrl.org |
| December 11 th | Boat Anchors & Antique Radios | <i>To Be Announced</i> |
| December 13 th - 14 th | ARRL 10 Meter Contest | http://www.arrl.org |
| December 13 th | WASH Christmas / Holiday Party | Bob Timmins AB3ED's World Studios in Pleasant Hills |
| 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 |

Official Rules, 2008 Pennsylvania QSO Party

Courtesy of the Nittany Amateur Radio Club <http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.htm>

Purpose of the party

Pennsylvania Amateurs try to contact as many other amateurs in Pennsylvania, the United States, Canada and the world. Pennsylvania Amateurs receive multipliers for each Pennsylvania county, US and Canadian section, and one multiplier for DX entities.

Non Pennsylvania Amateurs try to contact as many Pennsylvania Amateurs as possible. Non-Pennsylvania Amateurs receive a multiplier for each Pennsylvania County with a QSO.

A Pennsylvania Amateur is defined as an Amateur operating in the State of Pennsylvania, without regard to the Amateur's home address. Other Operators are considered Out-of-state.

Operating Periods – 1600Z October 11 to 0500Z October 12, and 1300Z October 12 to 2200Z October 12

Bands for the QSO Party:

160 meters, 80 meters, 75 meters, 40 meters, 20 meters, 15 meters, 10 meters, 6 meters, 2 meters. Above 2 meters, QSOs are permitted, but those frequencies are not much in use for the party at this time. Interested Operators are encouraged to set up skeds if desired.

Suggested Frequencies:

Note that 12, 17, 30, 60 meter and repeater QSOs are not permitted.

SSB: 1.850, 3.825, 7.200, 14.280, 21.380, 28.480, 50.125, 146.55.

CW: 40 KHz up from the bottom and 1810KHz

PSK: 3.580, 7.080, 14.07015, 21.080, 50.250

RTTY: 3.580, 7.080, 14.080, 21.080, 28.080

160 meters: Try at 0300Z Sunday, Follow 160 meter band plan

Hi Band Activity periods: Sat and Sun: 10M – 1800Z 15M – 1900Z 20M – 2000Z SSB on the hour, CW on the half hour

Mobile Window – 5 KHz below listed suggested frequencies. Keep this area clear for weak mobiles.

Exchange – Sequential serial number plus county or ARRL or Canadian section (see Canadian section explanation for details). Stations on county line give out 1 serial number per contact plus multiple county multipliers.

Work stations once per band and mode. Work Rovers and Mobiles again as they change counties.

Scoring:

QSO points: CW – 160 M and 80 M = 2 points/QSO
all other allowable bands = 1.5 points/QSO
PSK = 2 points/QSO
RTTY = 2 points/QSO
SSB = 1 point/QSO
FM = 1 point/QSO

Special Event Station QSO = 200 points . The Special Event Station for the 2007 PAQSO Party is **W3OK**.

Entry Divisions

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| Single Operator Medium power | 6 -150 Watts | Multi-Single | Only one signal on air at a time |
| Single Operator QRO | 151W – Legal band limit | Portable Multi-Single | Only one signal on air at a time |
| Single Operator QRP Operator | 5 Watts or less | Multi-Multi | |
| Single Operator CW only | 150 Watts or less | Portable Multi-Multi | |
| Portable Single Operator | | Rover | |

Station Definitions

A Home station is a station that is operated from a fixed position. It does not need to be a domicile. Club stations are considered home stations.

A Portable station is a station that is set up for the purpose of operating in the party, with the intention of teardown in the post party period. Typical of a portable station would be operations from a camp cabin or tent. Antennas are not restricted, but are typically more home station like. Portable stations are not restricted in their power source. Battery, Generator, or mains power is perfectly acceptable.

A Mobile station is a station that is capable of operation while moving. Moving is defined as travel in a legal manner on Pennsylvania Highways. The antenna must be of a type generally accepted as a mobile antenna. Mobile stations are not required to be in motion while operating. For the purposes of the party, to be counted as a mobile, you must be operating within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Note that this does not exclude mobile operation outside of Pennsylvania. It means that outside of the commonwealth, there are no mobile bonuses available, so no need for the designation.

A Rover station is a station that is capable of moving from one place to another, but is typically using an antenna that is set up on site, then torn down and moved to another site. Rovers do not operate as a mobile en route between stations.

QRP operations are those operations at a power of 5 watts or less. They may be undertaken on any station setup capable of operation at 5 watts or less. If a QRP multiplier is to be claimed, the entire party must have been run at QRP level.

Scoring Multipliers for Pennsylvania Stations:

ARRL Sections + Canadian Sections + PA Counties + 1 DX. See Canadian Section explanation for details.

Multipliers for Stations operating outside of Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania Counties.

Final Score = (Total points times Total Multipliers) Plus Bonus Points.

QRP Operation Bonus Multiplier = Total Points times 2.

PA Mobile operation Bonus points: Add 500 Points to final score for each county you operated from where you made at least 10 QSOs.

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2008 Pennsylvania QSO Party October 11th & 12th 2008

PA Rover operation Bonus points: Add 500 Points to final score for each location you operated from where you made at least 10 QSOs.

Additional Mobile and Rover rules:

- A Mobile station must be truly mobile, using an antenna accepted as a mobile antenna, and capable of moving between counties without any setup/teardown.
- Mobile stations identify by the addition of /M to their call signs for CW, RTTY, and PSK and spoken Mobile on SSB or FM.
- Mobile stations must submit a summary for each county operated from, and an aggregate summary for the party.
- Rover stations identify by the addition of /R to their call signs for CW, RTTY, and PSK and spoken Rover on SSB or FM.
- Rover stations must travel 5 miles or more between stops to be eligible for the 500 point bonus.
- Rover stations must submit a summary for each county operated from, and an aggregate summary for the party.

County Line Stations

- County line stations may be either Home Stations or Portable stations. Mobile or Rover stations are not eligible. Note: if a station that is essentially a mobile station ie, a transceiver in a vehicle with a mobile antenna wished to run county line, they could do so, but at the expense of being mobile. That would be their position for the entire party, and they would enter as a county line station, and not as a mobile.
- A County line station is defined as follows. The station must be situated very near the boundaries of at least two or more adjacent counties. Ideally the antenna should cross the boundary, but safety and practicality do not always allow that. Many boundaries are in the middle of rivers or highways. The key element is that the station must be set up as near as practical to the adjacent borders. Party officials are available to determine admissibility of any county line station setup.

Bonus Stations: The PAQSO party will at it's discretion have a special bonus station during the party. The station may consist of a single station, multiple stations in different counties, or other novel operations. QSOs with the bonus station are worth 200 points, and any multiplier that has not been claimed yet. The Bonus Station for 2008 is [W3OK](#).

Entry Materials:

Entry materials consist of a log and dupe sheets and an official summary sheet or reasonable facsimile. 100 points will be deducted for each duplicate QSO found. All entry materials can be downloaded from the website.

Entry materials must be received by November 15th following the party in one of three ways:

1. Paper copies of all materials may be sent via US Mail or other delivery service
2. Electronic logs on CD may also be sent via US Mail or other delivery service.
3. Electronic Logs may be submitted via email to paqsolog@nittany-arc.net

Note: do NOT send email communications to the paqsolog address. That address is set up exclusively for logs. Non-log email submissions will not get to us. Use the regular email addresses for the party chairs. mcoslo@comcast.net or w3jxp@comcast.net.

A donation of 3 dollars or more along with your entry will help us to defray mailing and printing costs associated with the party, and will be greatly appreciated.

Whatever method of submitting a log, an official Summary sheet or reasonable facsimile must be filled out and mailed to the Nittany ARC for the party.

An official summary that can be filled out on-line and that will calculate the score from your input is available at <http://www.nittany-arc.net/entryforms.htm> Just fill it out, print it, and mail it.

Mailing address: PAQSO Party 2008 c/o NARC
P.O. Box 614
State College PA 16804-0614

Logs submitted without a mailed summary sheet will be treated as a check log

Plaques and Awards:

Plaques go to top scorers in all entry divisions plus: Single Op Out of State, Eastern Time Zone, Central Time Zone, Western Time Zone, Out of State Medium Power, Out of State QRP, Top Canadian Entry, DX, Single Op Medium Power EPA, Single OP High Power EPA, Single Op Medium Power WPA, Single OP High Power WPA, Rover Single or Multi single, Rover Multi-Multi, 20 meter "Good Neighbor" - to be considered for this award, submit total 20 meter QSO's.

Plaque for top first time entrant: Intended to encourage new contesters, a plaque can be awarded to the top single operator from Pennsylvania who enters the party for the first time. If you got your feet wet logging or operating briefly at a multi-op station, you are still eligible. This is not an award for "Big Guns from other contests. The decision as to eligibility for this award is the Contest chairs.

All 67 County Plaque: If you work all 67 counties during the party, a special plaque can be awarded in recognition of that feat. To order submit a 67 county summary sheet to aid the log checkers in addition to the regular summary listing the pertinent details. Then enclose a check for 28 dollars made payable to NARC.

Club Competition Award: A Trophy is awarded to top club competition Station. Certificates to 2nd through 5th place Club competition

The winner is determined by summation of the scores of club members. The current status of club members is determined by a list that is provided by a club officer, preferably the club president. The PAQSO chair will ask for the list after the party and the top club scores become apparent.

County and Section Certificates: Certificates will be mailed to county and section winners. To qualify for a certificate, the Operator must compile more points than other operators from that section or county. In some cases, a mobile operator may be the leading scorer from several counties. In that event, the mobile Op will receive the corresponding certificates. The PAQSO party administration will mail the certificates to the respective winners.

Special Certificates: The PAQSO Party may at times offer special certificates for various achievements in the party. These certificates will usually be awarded after the achievement has been made, and after receiving a Self addressed stamped envelope.

Participation Coffee Mugs: Anyone who makes 100 QSOs or more during the Party is eligible for a PAQSO Party mug personalized with the Operator's call sign. To order submit your log showing 100 or more QSOs and a check for 18 Dollars made payable to NARC.

Appeal Filed Against W3YNI's Second Tower Permit

Paul Paterra, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review ppaterra@tribonline.com

Penn Township, PA, October 6th — A Penn Township man's renewed effort to erect a 53-foot ham radio tower at his home is facing another challenge from neighbors.

Charles Mills of 60 Regola Drive, who faced opposition from nearby residents, was reissued a permit in September by the township after making some modifications to the original plan for the tower in his back yard.

Some neighbors initially appealed the issuance of a permit in March, feeling the tower was not properly screened. That appeal was upheld when the zoning hearing board ruled the first permit invalid.

Another appeal was filed last week after the permit was reissued.

John Ducar, a neighbor who lives at 4 Oakridge Drive, did not want to comment on the appeal other than to say, "We filed an appeal because we feel the township has not performed its duty in protecting the local community."

The appeal could possibly end up on the agenda when the zoning hearing board convenes Nov. 11.

"They met their deadline (to file an appeal). They missed our deadline for advertising for the hearing (to be held in October)," said Dallas Leonard, community development director. "It could potentially be heard in November. I heard they're still trying to work on an amicable solution."

Attorney Mike Lazaroff, who represents Mills, a 21-year ham radio operator, expects to be back before the zoning hearing board in November.

"Their appeal is frivolous," Lazaroff said. "It's unfortunate they have chosen to pursue this in an unreasonable manner. We have addressed all the concerns raised by the zoning hearing board. We've complied fully with all ordinances."

Lazaroff maintains that the right to have the tower is protected by a Federal Communications Commission ruling, which holds that local governments must reasonably accommodate amateur radio antennas.

"The people appealing are attempting to deny Mr. Mills his rights under federal law," Lazaroff said. "We will prevail. We have federal law on our side. It's unfortunate neighbors have chosen to embroil the township in a legal battle that's going to cost the township a lot of money."

Ham Cram, or the One-Day Tech Class Dan Romanchik KB6NU

I used to be skeptical of one-day ham radio classes, sometimes called "Ham Cram" classes. After teaching a couple of these classes over the past year, however, I've become a supporter of this method of teaching, at least for the Technician Class license test.

One reason I'm an advocate of the one-day class is that I think a lot of people "learn by doing." I'm not an expert on pedagogy, but my guess is that more people learn by doing than learn by reading or by listening. That being the case, isn't it a good thing that new hams get their licenses quickly so that they can begin doing--thereby learning--more quickly?

Second, people are busy. Tell them that the class is going to eat up one evening a week for six to eight weeks and a lot of them will tell you that they just don't have the time to do it. Squeezing in six to eight hours on a Saturday is, however, something that they can do.

Critics of the one-day classes say that if people just cram for the test, they may learn enough for just long enough to pass the test, but they really don't know enough to be "good hams," whatever that may be. There's some truth to this. It's important not to abandon them once they get their tickets. I encourage all of the students to join a ham radio club and make myself available to answer any questions they may have as they get started in ham radio.

Critics also say that releasing this horde on the amateur bands will create nothing but chaos. Fortunately, I've personally seen no evidence that the hundreds of folks that have taken these classes across the country have created said chaos.

Make Your Next Class a One-Day Class

I would encourage you to give this a try. Make your next Tech class a one-day class. You don't conduct Tech classes? Well, get started! Another benefit of the one-day class format is that it's easier to find teachers since it takes less time for them, too.

As I mentioned previously, over the past year, I've taught two "ham cram" classes. We've learned a few things along the way.

Perhaps the most important thing is to stress that students should study the material before coming to class. The study guide we use is one that I've written. You can find the KB6NU No-Nonsense Study Guide online at <http://www.kb6nu.com>. You can also purchase a pre-printed version of the study guide at www.booklocker.com/books/3408.html

Another key is to not get bogged down on a particular topic. Our class runs from 9 am to 3 p.m., at which time, the VEs come in and give the test. To cover all of the material, you have to keep one eye on the clock and keep plowing ahead. To help you do this, a set of PowerPoint slides for teachers of Ham Cram Tech classes is available at <http://w9pe.us/>.

We conducted our first class last August. Nine out of twelve passed the test that day; the remaining three passed on their second attempt. In early May, we taught our second one-day class. This time, eleven out of twelve passed. In September, we held our third class and thirteen out of fourteen passed.

I am encouraged by these results, and I am planning to make these one-day classes a regularly-scheduled event here in Ann Arbor. Time will tell if these people become active, life-long hams, but so far, so good. If you have any questions about our experience with the one-day class, please e-mail me at cwgeek@kb6nu.com

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Participation T Shirts: Anyone participating in the Party in any way is eligible for a PAQSO Party participant T-Shirt. To order, mark on the summary sheet the Shirt (s) and size (s) desired, and a check for 15 dollars for each shirt made payable to NARC.

Canadian Section Explanation: The Canadian sections in use by the PAQSO party are somewhat different than those in use by the RAC at this time. They are: NB NF NS PEI VE2 VE3 VE4 VE5 VE6 VE7 VE8 V02 YUK

CQ from Kosovo

Eli Tanislav YO3AAV courtesy of www.eHam.net

First of all, please allow me to introduce my self, Eliodor "Ely" TANISLAV – YO3AAS; I am a ham radio operator from Romania, licensed since 1993. Due to my profession, I had the opportunity to travel quite a lot around the world. My last duty assignment, with the United Nations, was, for 1 year and 6 months, in Kosovo. I decided to write this article not only to share with you my ham radio experience in this part of the world, but also to offer some real-time and up-dated information about how to operate from this territory.

About Kosovo:

Kosovo is a province of Serbia, former Yugoslavian Republic, which has been under United Nations administration since 1999. While Serbia's sovereignty is recognized by the international community, in practice Serbian governance in the province is virtually non-existent. The province is governed by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) with the help of the local Provisional Institutions of Self-Government (PISG), as well as security provided by the NATO-led by Kosovo Force (KFOR).

Kosovo borders Montenegro, Albania, and the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia. It has a population of just over two million people, predominantly ethnic Albanians, with smaller populations of Serbs, Turks, Bosniaks, and other ethnic groups. Prishtina is the capital and largest city.

The province is the subject of a long-running political and territorial dispute between the Serbian government and Kosovo's largely ethnic-Albanian population. International negotiations began in 2006 to determine the final status of Kosovo, as envisaged under UN Security Council Resolution 1244 which ended the Kosovo conflict of 1999. Whilst Serbia's continued sovereignty over Kosovo is recognized by the international community, a clear majority of the province's population would prefer independence. This was actually declared by the self-elected Parliament in the spring of 2008, raising an international debate over the issue.

How to get the license:

I remember when I was getting ready to departure for Kosovo, that my search for such "intell" was limited to some brief information on the A.R.R.L. web page, posted by Jeff Baker, WK3U. It was a starting point. Later, in Kosovo, I learned that this info was out of date, since Kosovo is on a constant change and restructure of the official entities. After about 6 months of research (making phone calls, asking around etc) I managed to find out the proper authorities in order to receive a license to operate from a pilot. Since the legal status of this territory is so shallow, I didn't want to take the chance of operating and then to find out that C.E.P.T is not valid (Member Nations of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) all have the same radio-amateur reciprocal licensing requirements. This allows Amateurs to travel and to operate from most European countries without obtaining an additional licensee or permit for each country visited. The United States currently accepts CEPT licenses within any area controlled by the Federal Communications Commission and CEPT members accept US licenses with a US passport and copy of the FCC/CEPT agreement. South African licenses are also CEPT compliant except for the entry level class.) Also, we have to keep in mind that KFOR (Kosovo International Military Force) is constantly monitoring the frequencies.

Later, I found out from military sources that during the Kosovo war, the 2 M and 70 CM bands were used by belligerents, on both sides, to communicate, since ham radio equipment was much cheaper to buy. And even nowadays, ham radio transceivers on those bands can be bought at cheap prices in the local electronic shops, but the majority of the local population have no clue what they were initially made for. For this reason, in Kosovo, the 144 MHz and 440 MHz bands are not allowed for amateur radio use. This was made very clear to me by the clerk when I got the license for Kosovo with the call sign YU8/YO3AAS (the prefix is still of Serbia). So don't make the mistake of using you HT on this territory, at least for the moment. However, at only 45 minutes away from Pristina, in the capital city of the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, Skopje, you can talk to a large group of hams on simplex or on a local repeater located on the mountains peaks near the border.

Here is the contact information for the license:

Fazli Shala – Chief of Frequency Management Office
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Rilindja Container Complex
Office 21-22
Police Road, Pristina-KOSOVO
Tel: 00377-38.504.604 extension 4705 or 5805

In order to receive the license, valid for 1 year, you have to bring a copy of your original license and of your I.D. (passport, U.N., diplomatic etc). Also it's required to fill in a form with basic information about you ham radio equipment and the location you want to use. There are no restrictions to mobile or portable operating.

Operating:

One very important thing you want to keep in mind if you decide to operate from here: you need an independent power source. The power cuts are so often here (even 2-3 times a day for several hours), so everyone has around the house either a generator (gasoline or diesel fueled) or an inverter (a device that makes 220v from 12v car batteries). For this reason, very good, but cheap, generators (3-4 KW) can be found on the local market for aprox. 200 U.S. dollars. However, since they are not intended to be used for radio communications applications, they offer no protection for electronic interferences. I used both, the generator and the inverter, with success.

The local economy is not so developed in order to be able to buy ham radio accessories, such as coaxial cable, electronic components, microphones, etc; however basic things, such as soldering tools or screwdrivers can be purchased at the supermarket.

If you decide to go portable, be aware that only a few years ago this country was a war zone and not all areas are cleared of mines or unexploded ordnances. Stay on the roads/tracks and don't adventure into the grassy areas.

Other advise:

Don't bring very expensive radios or equipment since foreigners are an attractive target for the local criminals and once you become a victim you have very little chances to ever recover your stolen goods.

I used an ICOM IC-706 and an antenna tuner made by MFJ – 949E. Later I have upgrade the tuner to a LDG Z-11 Pro. The antenna was an Inverted V for 14, 21 and 29 MHz at the beginning and later a vertical PRO X-1, for the same bands made by Proxel. Apparently, the local population had nothing against me raising the antennas, since I lived in a rented apartment on the second floor of a house, but this can be different from area to area. I told them that I want to see TV channels from my home country and they even helped out with the installation, hi,hi... (That was a trick I learned back home, when some on my crazy neighbours were calling the police all time because my antennas were "frying" them.)

I know that approximately 15 other people were licensed to operate in Kosovo, but I have never heard or meet any of them during my stay. Maybe I had bad luck.

Although I intended to be on air as much as possible, my job prevented me from doing so. I only managed to make just a little bit over 500 QSO's. I know some DX-ers make this much in one weekend, but it's better then nothing. I operated most of the time from my apartment, but occasionally I drove with my duty off-road vehicle to the Prishtina surrounding hills (approximately 800 meters altitude) for some-type of "field-days", also using this opportunity to have a barbeque with my colleagues. I would recommend as a possible location for operating the sky resort called Brezovica (approximately 1600 meters altitude), located close to the border with Macedonia and at 1

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Desecheo DX-pedition Approved for Early 2009

Bob Allphin K4UEE

The Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge Complex has selected and announced a team of operators to activate **Desecheo Island (KP5)** sometime between January 15, 2009 and March 30, 2009. The Team will be led by Dr. Glenn Johnson WØGJ & Bob Allphin K4UEE.

On June 30th, 2008, the Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge office in Puerto Rico sent a letter to persons that had previously made inquiries about an Amateur Radio operation from Desecheo. They announced their decision to allow one group to activate the island and invited proposals that must adhere to strict guidelines and criteria. Applicant's had 45 days to prepare and submit their proposals.

CNWR received seven written proposals. A panel of three Fish and Wildlife Service employees, from areas within the Service outside of the Caribbean refuge, spent September 24 & 25 reviewing and evaluating the proposals.

The selection criteria used were those outlined in the proposal invitation letter. Points were awarded for how well criteria were addressed for thoroughness and documentation. The proposal with the highest ranking was submitted by team leaders Dr. Glenn Johnson WØGJ, and Bob Allphin K4UEE. Their plan involves a team of fifteen operators for a 14-day operation.

USFWS has not announced the actual dates of the operation yet, but the DXpedition is expected to take place between January 15th, 2009 and March 30th, 2009. A Special Use Permit (SUP) will be issued as per USFWS regulations. — K4UEE, The Daily DX, OPDX, 425 DX,



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these?

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hour drive from the capital. Very cheap accommodation can be rented out and don't hesitate to try the local cuisine. The sightseeing is great and little chances for any interference.

Although I left Kosovo in November 2007, only recently I learned that an other ham is operating from Kosovo. He is LZ1BJ, Boyan, (lz1bj@yahoo.com) from the city of Kuystandil/Bulgaria, working also for the United Nations. He is quite active in PSK31 on 20M. So please look for him on the air!

Conclusion:

I hope my information will be useful to at least one of you that, for one reason or an other, decides to visit Kosovo. For the rest of you, I wish you have enjoyed my "experience" in this part of the world. For any suggestions, comments, help with a future trip to YU8, please contact me at: yo3aas@yahoo.com

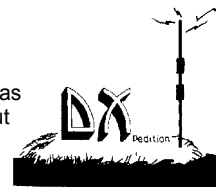
Silent Keys



Jack L. "Ace" Sieger WB3DPA, 88, Whitehall, September 29th

DX News Briefs

"A study of the international QSL bureau system was commissioned (by the IARU). The study will seek input from member-societies on the problems they face in light of escalating postage and other expenses, and the anticipated impact of electronic confirmation systems such as the ARRL's Logbook of the World.



The IARU Secretariat, headquartered at ARRL, on 10 September followed up on this point by sending a two-page single-spaced questionnaire to all IARU Member Societies asking detailed information about how each Society's QSL Bureau operates.

Having been involved with IARU matters in the past, I would predict that it will take a long time to get the questionnaires back from most Societies, and some will never answer it. But eventually the IARU should have a pretty good idea about the circumstances in which the IARU QSL Bureau system operates these days. The discussion of the matter in the mailing to IARU Member Societies mentions that the current IARU QSL Bureau policy was written 23 years ago, and a lot of things have changed since then.

It was IARU Region 1 that raised the point with the Administrative Council, and G3BJ of RSGB appears to be the person who initiated discussion of the matter." — Fred Laun, K3ZO, Manager, 3rd Area Incoming QSL Bureau

Look for **HKØ/K7BV** from San Andres 19 June—5 July 2009, once again concentrating on 6 meter Sporadic Es. HF bands will be activated as well. Details on www.qth.com/k7bv/caribe2009 — K7BV

JT1CA has returned to the air after 45 years. Pictures available at <http://picasaweb.google.com/jt1kaa/JT1CAAgainOnTheAirAfter45Years?authkey=EFu2qxPPr5E#5251077488449790226> — JT1CD

QSL cards from **ZL3SV** are not acceptable for credit for ARRL awards, due to his "interesting" QSL procedure on his web site — NKØS

The **KL7DX** NA-234 QSL have arrived from the printer & are now in process. "The folding color card is worth the wait." — AC7DX

The **2007 DXCC Yearbooks** are now out in the mail — N7TK, WO2N

Members of the Clipperton DX Club will be active during the 100th anniversary of the Kingdom of Bhutan as **A51ØØA** 7—17 November from different regions within the Kingdom. They are licensed to run 2 KW amplifiers. QSL via F9DK — Clipperton DX Club

HL9BSA will be active during the 51st Annual JOTA from the US Military Garrison, Camp Humphreys, Korea, 40—10 meters, CW, SSB, possibly some RTTY. QSL via WX8C — OPDX

ØL7R will be QRV during the CQ WW DX contest as a M/S entry. QSL via ØK1WMV — OPDX

QSL Routes

3DAØOK via M3SDE — GM4FAM
 4LØCR via DJ1CW —UA3FDX
 5N9NDP via IK5JAN — JA1HGY
 5WØQS via N6TQS — K5WW
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 A25ØOK via M3SDE — EU7SA
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 C91XØ via M3SDE — GM4FAM
 C91YI via DJØYI — JA1HGY
 CP4BT via EA5KB — CP4BT
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 TO5E via W7XU — KZ2I
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FCC News

ARRL Web Extra courtesy of the American Radio Relay League

In an "Order on Reconsideration and Order Proposing Modification" released on Wednesday, September 24, the FCC decided that Falls Amateur Radio Club (FARC) was the rightful recipient of call sign W9CQ. FARC and the QRQ CW and Contest Group (QRQ) had both claimed they were entitled to use the call.



In 2007, the Commission was notified that Paul Kent, to whose amateur station call sign W9CQ was then assigned, had died on January 1, 2006. Therefore, the call sign was due to become available for reassignment through the vanity call sign system on January 2, 2008. On April 3, 2007, Robert C. Moldenhauer filed an application requesting W9CQ as a vanity call sign, stating that he was eligible for the call sign prior to the expiration of the two-year waiting period because he was an in-law of Paul Kent; the application was granted on April 21, 2007. On August 3, 2007, Moldenhauer filed another application requesting modification of his amateur station call sign to, among other call signs, W9IS. This application was granted on August 21, 2007, resulting in his license for call sign W9CQ to be surrendered and canceled. On November 1, 2007, after inquiry by the Commission's Enforcement Bureau, Moldenhauer reported that he had surrendered call sign W9CQ after realizing that he was related to a different Paul Kent and therefore was not eligible for the call sign prior to the end of the two-year waiting period.

On January 2, 2008, FARC filed an application requesting to modify its Amateur Radio station license to W9CQ. The Commission dismissed the application on the grounds that the call sign was not available, because it was less than two years since it had been surrendered by Moldenhauer. On January 23, 2008, FARC filed a petition for reconsideration of the dismissal, arguing that the call sign should have been made available to the vanity call sign system on January 2, 2008 because Moldenhauer was not eligible for the call sign prior to the expiration of the two-year waiting period. Additionally, FARC requested that call sign W9CQ be assigned to its station license since it was the only applicant that requested call sign W9CQ on that date.

On May 23, 2008, QRQ submitted an application to modify its amateur radio station license to show the call sign W9CQ. The application submitted to the FCC stated that QRQ was acting with the written consent of a nephew of Paul Kent. This application was granted on June 10, 2008.

The Commission, in their decision, stated that they agreed with FARC that call sign W9CQ should have been made available to the vanity call sign system on January 2, 2008, as Moldenhauer was not eligible for the intervening grant of the call sign: "As specifically provided in public notices setting forth the procedures of the vanity call sign system, 'Where a vanity call sign for which the most recent recipient was ineligible is surrendered, canceled, revoked or voided, the two year requirement does not apply.'" The FCC also found that since FARC was the only applicant for that call sign on January 2, 2008, the call sign should have been assigned to FARC's amateur station.

The FCC did not see how, at this time, they could set aside QRQ's application for W9CQ, saying that grant is a "final action," but went on to say that "Section 316(a)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, provides the appropriate vehicle to correct this error." This section permits the Commission to modify a station license "if the action will promote the public interest, convenience, and necessity."

The FCC proposed to modify QRQ's Amateur Radio station license "to show the call sign KC9MWH, which was the call sign assigned to QRQ's amateur station prior to the grant of its application. The proposed modification would serve the public interest by ensuring that the procedures of the vanity call sign system are followed." The FCC stated that upon the modification of QRQ's license, they would then be able to assign call sign W9CQ to FARC "pursuant to its application."

The FCC ordered that the petition filed by FARC is granted "to the extent indicated" in the Order and their application is returned to pending status. It was further ordered that "it is proposed that the license of QRQ be modified" by returning the previous call sign of KC9MWH.

In its decision, the Commission said that in accordance with Section 97.27(b) of the Commission's Rules, they will not issue a modification order until QRQ has received notice of the proposed action "and has had an opportunity to file a protest. To protest the modification, QRQ must, within thirty days of the release date of this 'Order on Reconsideration and Order Proposing Modification,' submit a written statement with sufficient evidence to show that the modification would not be in the public interest." The FCC further stated that if no protest is filed, "QRQ will have waived its right to protest the modification and will be deemed to have consented to the modification."

Has Roadway found the tower yet?

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WPXI-TV has an immediate opening for a full-time IT System Administrator to assist our Information Systems Manager. The ideal candidate would have proficiency with:

- * Microsoft Windows XP
- * Microsoft Windows Server 2003 / 2008
- * Networking - LAN (Cisco), WAN, Wireless
- * Active Directory
- * Microsoft Office 2003 / 2007
- * Desktop / Network Security
- * Software / Hardware Installation
- * Help Desk Support
- * Cisco CallManager VoIP Phone Configuration / Support
- * Troubleshooting all facets of desktop / network IT issues
- * Windows Mobile / Blackberry Wireless Devices
- * Technical Degree and Microsoft / Cisco Certification a plus

We are seeking a dynamic, self-motivated individual who can respond to the fast-paced day-to-day IT issues in an efficient and effective manner while interfacing with our employees in a friendly, professional style. If interested please send an email with resume to Job797236@WPXI.com

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WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.

Membership Application/Renewal for 2009



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

(check quarter \longrightarrow)
(check one \downarrow)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (F1) Full Membership: | <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Qtr Jan-Mar | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Qtr Apr-Jun | <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Qtr Jul-Sept | <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Qtr Oct-Dec |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (F2) Full Membership < 18 or > 65 yrs of age: | \$20.00 | \$15.00 | \$10.00 | \$5.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (A1) Associate Membership: | \$10.00 | \$7.50 | \$5.00 | \$2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (A1) Associate Membership: | \$10.00 | \$7.50 | \$5.00 | \$2.50 |

(FM1) Family Membership (\$3.00 x No. of household family members): \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

License Class: _____

City, State: _____

Expires On: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____

New Members Only:

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

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

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

ARRL Member? Yes No Family ARRL Member? Yes No

Date: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Signature: _____

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

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



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



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

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

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

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please Check the Appropriate One-Year Rate:

- \$39 in US
- Age 65 or older, \$36 in US
- Age 21 or younger, \$20 in US (only if you are the oldest licensed amateur in your household)
- Canada \$49
- Elsewhere \$62
- Other (including Blind, Life, QST by First Class Postage — please contact ARRL for rate)

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Name & Call Sign: _____

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