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Thanks Randy

A wise person once said "nothing is constant but change" and that is indeed a true statement. A recent example of it is that our longtime webmaster, Randy George N3ZK, has handed the reins to Sean Sleeman N3NWR.

Randy is a Past President of our club. In addition to his duties as President, he quarterbacked the funding & acquisition of our tower trailer, and he built the present N3SH website.

The time was right for Randy to step back from his duties as webmaster because in addition to his full-time job at Comcast, in the last several years he has established a successful business creating plaques and decals for the ham radio community as well as just about any other interest that you can think of. Randy is so busy that his ham activities these days are pretty much limited to leading the N3ZK team in the PA QSO party, a little DX'ing when he has a spare moment, and talking with us on 955 when he's mobile. While we greatly appreciate all of his hard work, and won't soon forget it, it's simply not fair to him and his limited time to ask that he continue to manage the club website as well at the present time.

WASH is in the midst of many changes, all for the better in the long run. They include not only a new webmaster, but the return of the 955 repeater to the South Hills, soon be moved to a new site at St. Clair Hospital. The new location will not only change the coverage of our repeater, back to the bulk of our membership... but it probably will result in changing the focus of our club more towards emergency preparedness

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Carol's Comments

I am sure we are going to be busy the next couple of months. Dayton will be in a couple days, May 18th through 20th. Those that are going will have a good time at the candy store. And probably bring home some goodies.

Next we will planning Field Day, June 21st and 22nd. Please remember to let the field day committee if you plan to make it. You can get in touch with Rick KB3IAC, Larry K3VX or Bill W3WH, and let them know the time when you will be able to attend. They will need operators from 2 PM on Saturday through Sunday at 6 PM.

And, don't forget about helping Bill W3WH operate K2M during the 13 Colonies Special Event in July!

See you at the meeting on May 9th at 7.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mom's even if you are not a member!

— 73. Carol Danko KB3GMN
President, Wireless Association of South Hills
N3SH / WA3SH / NP2SH



Next Monthly Meeting: May 9th, 2013

The next meeting of the **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.** will be on **Thursday, May 9th 2013**, at the **Crossroads Ministries Church**, 88 Walter Long Road of f Route 88, Finleyville PA, starting at 7:00 PM.

The Repeater move, Dayton Hamvention, and Field Day plans, will be amongst the topics. And the CW training & related construction projects will continue!! See you there!

"Seen" at the WASH April Meeting



The Winning Team for Amateur Radio Jeopardy!



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President	Carol Danko KB3GMN
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WASH 2M Contest Chair	Ron Notarius W3WN
Field Day 2013 Coordinators	Larry Comden K3VX
	Rick Bell KB3IAC

CLUB-AFFILIATED REPEATERS, BEACONS, & DIGIPEATERS:

Mt. Lebanon	N3SH / 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 N3SH-W3SRL 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.

WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test TBD

The WASH VE Team held a short exam session on Sunday, February 24th, during **WASHFest 2013**, Castle Shannon VFD Memorial Hall, 3600 Library Road, Castle Shannon, PA. Four candidates took their examinations, 1 for a new license, three upgrades.

We had two successful candidates. Congratulations to Sean Sleeman N3NWR and Ben Williams KB3ERQ on their upgrades to General Class!

Our thanks to all of the Volunteer Examiners who donated their time in the middle of the hamfest to conduct the exams: Sue KB3JHQ, Jim WB4GCS, Rick KB3IAC, Bob WC3O, Dave N3IDH and Bill W3WH. Thanks also to Glen KE7FD for additional assistance. And most importantly, a very special thanks to the dozen or so additional VE's who, when hearing the "test starts in 10 minutes" announcement, freely volunteered to come and assist if needed.

Future test dates and locations for the remainder of 2013 will be announced soon, once schedules and locations are confirmed.

— 73, Ron Notarius W3WN
WASH ARRL VEC Liason

Saturday, April 27th was a gorgeous Spring morning... cool but with the promise of a great weekend ahead. And before you knew it, the monthly gathering of **the WASH Breakfast Gang** at **The Beach House** in Finleyville started congregating... and gathering... and gathering! One of our largest turnouts in months included WB4GCS, K3HCR, N3FB, KB3GMU, AE3DL, N3DFK, K3SGT & Barb, N3BPB, W3WN, KB3YCX & KB3JHR. We keep up this kind of turnout, we might have to split into two shifts to accommodate everyone! Table conversations included DC Power from ConEd in NYC, the Bethel Park Library (see page 9), kids learning to drive, D700 for sale, Bay Networks history, TSA failing security checks, security at the Pittsburgh Marathon, hacking into home networks, traveling around the Southwest US, visiting Northern CA & Las Vegas NV, Raspberry Pi & SoftRock SDR receivers, port configuration & network DMZ's, diesel fuel costs, raising the roof, kitchen remodeling, cell phones, HOA regulations, "I will never justify the mindset of a politician" (N3DFK), and much, much more.

Our next occasion will help kick off Memorial Day weekend, and help a few of us recover from Dayton. Care to join us for a coffee & a nosh? Hope to see you j at **The Beach House**, Library Road, Finleyville, just south of Trax Farm, on May 25th.

See you there!

Congratulations to Gary Robbins KB3YCX, who successfully upgraded to General at this year's Two Rivers ARC Hamfest

WASH VE Team Schedule for the remainder of 2013 hasn't been set yet. There's been some suggestions about holding a session at Field Day this year, but there are some concerns. Aside from that... how do you think we should proceed? Should we retain the mid-week sessions, or move to weekends to be more convenient? Should we go back to a quarterly schedule, more often, less often? Should we try to have the tests at the church, or somewhere else... and if so, where? Give it some thought & then talk to W3WN at the next meeting with your ideas & suggestions!

Going to **Dayton** this year? Even if you're not travelling with the group, keep an ear on 146.955 Simplex for other club members. If you're planning on a large purchase (be it in terms of funds spent or weight of boat anchor iron), have a word with Bud N3TIR about stashing it during the day. And, if you'd like, email W3WN your cell phone number, and he'll distribute the "master list" for 2014 to all on Tuesday or Wednesday before travelling west!

And while we're thinking of it, yes, the **WASH Club Picnic at the Breezeshooters Hamfest** will be on, as usual. The details are on Page 10. So, if you're going to be at Breezeshooters and would like to join us, contact W3WN or KB3GMN so that we can coordinate the pot luck picnic. We expect the usual great time — don't miss out!



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and service than we have been to this point. As these changes occur, we will be depending on our weekly net and our website as well, as our reflector to keep everyone up to date on the many things that are about to happen with our club. These are exciting times and hopefully everyone will join the party make a contribution and have fun along the way.

Randy we look forward to the day when your life is not quite so busy, when you can rejoin the active members of **WASH**. Until the day that happens, we will miss your talents. Thank you again for all your service and hard work.

— 73, Bill Hill W3WH

WASHNet Moves Back

After a few weeks, it was determined that moving WASHNet to Thursday was not proving successful, so the net has **moved back to Sunday nights at 9 PM**.

It will still be on the N3SH/R 146.955 and N3FB/R 443.650 repeaters.

Bear with Net Manager Glen KE7FD as we get the revised NCS schedules & such in place!

WASHNet 2013 NCS Schedule

05/12/2013	Kevin N3KFD	06/09/2013	Fred KB3DCO
05/19/2013	Harold K3HCR	06/16/2013	Larry K3VX
05/26/2013	Jim WB4GCS	06/23/2013	Mark N3RDV
06/02/2013	Sean N3NWR	06/30/2013	Ben KB3ERQ

Effective April 18th, ARRL WPa Section Manager John Rodgers N3MSE has taken a leave of his office due to health related issues for himself and his family.

We wish John all the best towards his recovery! Larry Keller AB3ER has been appointed as acting Section Manager for the duration of John's leave.

Larry can be reached at ab3er@arrl.net

Join WASH or Renew your Membership for 2013 Today! Membership Application on Page 11!

Minutes, April 11th Meeting

Ben Williams KB3ERQ, VP/Secretary, **WASH**

Carol KB3GMN called the meeting to order at 19:09 hours. There were 14 members and guests in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all, followed by introductions.

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

A motion was made by Ben KB3ERQ to waive reading of the February minutes as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Rick KB3iAC and carried unanimously.

Committee reports:

Treasurer (N3RDV): A balance on the bank account was read & accepted.

Secretary (KE7FD): No report.

VE Team (W3WN): VE Schedule for rest of the year to be set; request for feedback regarding dates & locations. Would like tests to resume by June or July.

Repeaters (N3FB): Still repeating. 955 controller clock set! Telling time again.

Repeater Committee (KB3iAC): Has continued to discuss with Art at Upper St. Clair hospital. Things are going slowly but are progressing. Discussion regarding a Memorandum of Understanding, rather than a formal contract. Art seems to think that the hospital would prefer that their people do the work of installing the racks etc. Tim (the installer) had some concerns about the verticals & would prefer quad dipole antennas. Frank is our expert on this, but has been out of town... we are using what recommends, which is a co-linear antenna.

Net Report (KE7FD): Carol began by mentioning that she is disappointed with the net on Thursdays. Should we reschedule? Maybe the repeater move will improve it. Carol asked for more volunteers for NCS.

Glen indicated that he would like to switch the net back to Sunday. He also said that issues with net participants being able to hear each other are not necessarily bad, after all, that is what the nets are all about. Working thorough the problems are part of the fun & learning.

Further discussion about the date/time changes, and purpose of the net, operating simplex, and using digital modes for the net sometimes.

Following discussion, members voted to move the net bak to Sunday nights effective immediately.

Contests (K3VX): Listed in the newsletter CQ WPX in May

Field Day 2013 (KB3iAC): Short discussion on FD plans & about letter to send out to prospective FD operators.

Public Service (N3IDH): Carol discussed the Allegheny Co ARES Net, 9 PM, Wednesdays on 147.09. She had an email from N3BPB requesting a representative from WASH act as NCS 5 or 6 times a year.

Ways and Means: 50/50 tonight.

Newsletter (W3WN): Published.

President's Report (KB3GMN): "I have done enough talking..."

Old Business: Bill W3WH brought up the issue of club webmaster. Randy N3ZK is simply extremely busy. Following a short discussion, motion by Gary KB3YCX, second by Rick KB3iAC, to appoint Sean N3NWR as the club webmaster, with Ben KB3ERQ as his assistant. Motion passed. Bill volunteered to contact Randy in the morning and inform him.

New Business: None

Good of the order:

W3WH: Bill has volunteered to be one of the K2M stations for the 13 Colonies Special Event Station 1—6 July. He invited club members from both **WASH** & **WACOM** to assist him in operating the station that week. More information available at <http://www.13colonies.info>

N3SBF: The Beaver Valley ARA will be operating W3SGJ as a SES in honor of their 90th Anniversary. Work on the SES for the Allegheny County Courthouse 150th anniversary still in progress.

N3HKQ: AAAP situation improving. We may be holding the long promised EME demo for them at Mingo in October.

Motion to Adjourn by Kevin N3HKQ, second by Bill W3WH and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:20 hours.

WASH Spotlight: K2M



Radio Free Bob WC3O & Bill W3WH met up at the 2 Rivers ARC Hamfest in Boston (PA) to start coordinating their efforts for the K2M Special Event Station, part of the 13 Colonies SES in July. Bill's holding a stack of K2M QSL cards that he got from Bob. Hope you're going to join us operating!

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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

AB3ED	KB3MHM	N7TDX	WASH FL	WASH OH	Silent Keys
AB3KA	KB3TOA	W3RWS	KA3UPY/M	N8DPW	
AE3DL	KB3YCX	W3VFA	W4ZE	WASH SC	K3EED
K3GW	KB3ZCX	W3WH	WASH GA	N3RNX	K3LIE
K3HCR	KC4WTT	W3WN	K3OL	WASH TN	KA3NMG
K3VX	KE7FD	WA3BOJ	KB3IJX	KE3XB	KB3ENX
K3WJL	KJ3D	WB4GCS	WASH ID	N3YPB	KB3FNM
KA3TWI	N2QIV	Timothy	N3ZNI	WASH TX	KB3FQT
KB3DCO	N3BPB	Costello	WASH NE	K3LGM	N3FZ
KB3GMN	N3DFK	Darryn	NØPEU	Jane Wagner	N3KEH
KB3GMP	N3IDH	Sleeman	WASH OR	WASH VI	N3OBD
KB3GUX	N3NWR		NØVLR	NP2JF	N3SKR
KB3iAC	N3OVO		NØWVPV		N3SRC
KB3IVX	N3RDV		KB3NVL		N3ZEL
KB3JHR	N3SBF		KB3NVM		N3XFE
					W3ZLK
					WA3JPP

If your call is not on the list & you've paid your dues, please notify N3RDV immediately

Through May 2ND, 2013

List compiled by

Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

2013 WASH Upcoming Events Calendar

Meeting Topics & Other Significant Club Events — Subject to Change

May 5 th	Pittsburgh Marathon	http://pittsburghmarathon.com/
May 9 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
May 17 th — 19 th	Dayton Hamvention	http://www.hamvention.org/
May 25 th & 26 th	CQ WPX Contest CW	http://www.cqwpw.com
June 2 nd	Breezeshooter's Hamfest	http://www.breezeshooters.org/
June 8 th — 9 th	ARRL June VHF Contest	http://www.arrl.org
June 13 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
June 15 th	WPa ARES EMCOMM Conference	ab3er@comcast.net
June 22 nd & 23 rd	ARRL Field Day	http://www.arrl.org
July 1 st -6 th	13 Colonies Special Event Stations	http://13colonies.info
July 6 th	North Hills ARC Hamfest	http://www.nharc.org
July 7 th	Somerset County ARC Hamfest	http://k3smt.org
July 11 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
July 13 th & 14 th	PVGP at Pitt-Race	http://www.pvvp.org
July 13 th & 14 th	IARU World Championship	http://www.iaru.org
July 20 th & 21 st	PVGP at Schenley Park	http://www.pvvp.org
August 8 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
August 25 th	Skyview RS Hamfest	http://www.skyviewradio.net/
August 31 st	Uniontown ARC Hamfest	http://www.w3pie.org/gabfest.htm
September 8 th	Butler Co ARA Swapfest	http://www.w3udx.org
September 12 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
October 10 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
October 12 th & 13 th	Pennsylvania QSO Party	http://www.nittany-arc.net/PAQSO.html
November 14 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
December 12 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church

2013 American Red Cross Emergency Drill

Kevin Smith N3HKQ — Photos courtesy of & ©Copyright 2013 Kevin Smith N3HKQ

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Red Cross along with Allegheny ARES jointly conducted a simulated emergency drill on Saturday, April 27th, where the scenario was wide spread flooding from a storm.

Bud Plants N3TIR and I were assigned to Ringgold High School along with elements of local Red Cross and Salvation Army volunteers. The Ringgold site was set up to serve as a shelter for individuals evacuated from nearby flooded areas. Mark Stabryla N3RDV was located at the Heidelberg VFD and a lot of traffic from our site at Ringgold both verbal and digital was passed to there or to net control.

At one point during the drill our site was told to expect between 75 and 100 evacuees within the hour. While beginning to practice procedures for receiving these evacuees a crew began to pull cots from the Red Cross trucks only to find that several nests of mice were living in the cots. Two Red Cross observers indicated that the entire truckload of cots were unusable, that the capacity of the shelter was now affected and this fact had to be relayed to headquarters. So some unexpected reality was injected into the site's simulation.

On the Amateur Radio side Bud Plants, N3TIR handled all of the communications while I relayed information. In most instances we knew relevant information before the Red Cross/Salvation Army people operating the shelter. This I felt was because ARES was better prepared than our Red Cross/Salvation Army counterparts. There was an impressive link of repeaters that provide broad coverage. Reports could be heard from Cambria and Indiana counties down through Allegheny, Beaver and Washington Counties and included both UHF and VHF repeater systems. The Washington County repeaters included the 146.79 and 147.27 repeaters.

After starting as a traditional voice net the rest of the drill was spent using FLDIGI to pass traffic and I must say it was quite effective. Bud had a little trouble at first with FLDIGI but after resolving the problem he found himself more or less being the digital net control station and he handled it well. All digital transmissions went through the wide area repeater system and toward the end of the drill Bud was using only his hand held radio to transmit and receive. It was a very impressive display of the simplicity and robustness of the FLDIGI mode.

Overall it was a fun Saturday morning but more importantly we practiced our emergency skills and demonstrated again the utility of Amateur Radio in an emergency situation.



I Think I Was Wrong

Bill Hill W3WH

I think I was wrong

Last Sunday night, I experienced something that I didn't think I ever would see again. That was a **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION** net that was actually worthwhile. 14 people checked in, it lasted over 40 minutes, and almost everybody added to the success of the event.

Wow!

For a long time I've been down on the net. I've pretty much given up — who wants to spend even just a few minutes on Sunday evening getting a call sign name and QTH, and then shutting your radio off without ever having learned anything new interesting or fun? I'm really sorry to say that it was that way for a long time but through the efforts of our friend Glen, KE 7FD, I really think this hope that the **WASH** net can survive and dare I say it even thrive.

I discovered that the net controller really has a lot to do with whether a net is successful or bombs. Sunday, May 5th, was a long day because of the City of Pittsburgh Marathon... but when you have a long day there's lots of time to think about what you need to do during that day. After I arrived home from the Marathon, I spent some time preparing for the net.

I don't think what I did is necessarily the right formula for every week, but I do think that a prepared net controller is the right formula for every week. The person needs to think about what's going on in our world and be prepared to bring up subjects to the net that are pertinent. We need to have subjects that are not just pertinent but that are interesting.

I think everyone felt included when they were asked to comment about projects that they have in mind for their station and of course people who are going to Dayton are beginning to formulate expectations for what they will do and buy at Dayton so that's of interest to them. We need to continue this kind of thing each week in order to maintain interest for our members.

It's anticipated that soon we will become a club more oriented towards emergency preparedness with our upcoming move to St. Clair hospital. This should open up a myriad of important and interesting nets for the immediate future.

The most important point this article is that to have an effective, entertaining and informative net that controller must prepare for the evening and set the tone so that others will want to respond and add valuable information to be shared with everyone.

I've been wrong before, and maybe I am now, but if so please tell me your ideas — so that we can give our club a shot in the arm that everyone can be proud of and appreciate.



Trix the Aviatrix says: "I'll see you at Dayton!"

Seen" At the 2013 Two Rivers ARC Hamfest

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(Above) Honest Nick, we really don't seek you out by the food ... it just seems to happen that way...



Photo courtesy of & © Copyright 2013 Sean Sleeman N3NWR

50/50 Winners Carol KB3GMN & Richie N3SBF
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Armed Forces Day 2013

In celebration of the 63rd anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD), the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual Military/Amateur Radio Crossband Communications Test.

Although Armed Forces Day is traditionally celebrated on the third Saturday in May -- May 18th -- the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted on May 11th to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention, scheduled for May 17-19th.

The annual celebration features traditional military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice and Morse code tests. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and short wave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise.

QSL cards will be provided to stations making contact with the military stations. Military-to-amateur crossband operations will take place on the dates and time in UTC on the frequencies listed for the Army, Air Force and Navy/Marine Corps and Coast Guard MARS stations. Voice contacts will include operations in single sideband voice (SSB); some stations will use CW to provide the opportunity to check in by Morse code.

Depending on propagation and staffing, some stations may not operate the entire period. Participating military stations will transmit on selected military MARS frequencies and listen for Amateur Radio stations in the amateur bands. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes.

The annual Secretary of Defense message will be transmitted via digital modes, including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31, MFSK and MT63 from certain stations.

Check the MARS Armed Forces Crossband Test website for schedules and frequencies of participating military stations, including a list of stations that will be transmitting the annual Secretary of Defense message at:

<http://www.usarmymars.org/home/announcements>

Instructions on how to copy and submit the message are also included.

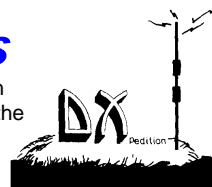


Some familiar looking faces at the pre-race radio ops meeting for the 2013 City of Pittsburgh Marathon, at the UPMC facility on Pittsburgh's South Side on May 4th.

Picture courtesy of & ©Copyright 2013 Sean Sleeman N3NWR

More Marathon pictures from Sean at <http://www.n3sh.org>

DX News Briefs



The upcoming Amsterdam Island DXpedition has been granted **FT5ZM**. There are currently 14 operators for the DXpedition, which should take place in January & February 2014. The team reports that they expect the trip to cost over \$400,000, but to date have only raised about 53% of the funds needed. More information at <http://www.amsterdamdx.org/> -- FT5ZM 2014

JAØRQV is currently QRV as **A35JP** from Tongatapu OC-049 through 22 May. He is operating primarily nights (local time) as he is working for the government. More information at <http://www.sato3.com/a35jp/index.html> QSL via JAØRQV — DX World

Look for **YB8RW/P** from OC-236 Bunaken Island 9 - 12 May on all HF bands. QSL via YB9BU — DX World

A "unique amateur radio special event station," **YE3ØP**, will be QRV from Merauke OC-034 15 - 17 May, all modes, 2 stations operating simultaneously. More information at <http://ye30p.wordpress.com/> QSL via YB9WR. — ORARI

Members of the PI4KGL club station will activate Malta EU-023 as **9H25Y** 20 May - 4 June, 80 - 6 m. More info at <http://members.ziggo.nl/9h25y/> QSL via PI4KGL — PI4KGL

PJ6A will be QRV from Saba during the WPX CW contest, including the day before & the day after. QSL via N4NX — K4UEE

Look for **FS/K9EL** 11 - 28 June, 6 - 80 meters. John plans daily uploads to Club Log & LotW. QSL via K9EL — K9EL

A group of Cuban operators will activate NA-204 Santa Maria Island as **T46C** 13 - 17 June. QSL via EA5GL — DX World

The initial planning phase for **K8W** Wake Atoll OC-053 is completed, and they are still on track for their October trip. They have moved on to the equipment procurement & staging operations phases. Several pilot stations have been selected. More information at <http://www.wake2013.org/> QSL via OQRS, Club Log, or via the Bureau (via AA4NN) — K9W, DX World

Banaba Island will be QRV as **T33A** in November. The team is still recruiting '2 - 3 operators', and reports having booked a "larger boat." They plan 6 Elecraft stations. More information at <http://www.t33a.com/> -- W2IJ

Prior to joining the T33A DXpedition, look for **3D2AR** operated by HAØNAR on HF. QSL via HAØNAR — DX World

Look for special event call signs **4J2ØRO** and **4K2ØRO** to be active until the end of the year. Operations seems to be mainly CW so far on 30-10 meters. Activity is to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the "Russian Centre of Science and Culture" in Baku. QSL both via 4J6RO — OPDX

QSL Routes

3D2OU via N7OU — JA1HGY	R1FJ via UA2FM — JA1HGY
3D2RO via N7OU — JA1HGY	S21XV via UT6UD — KG4W
4K12SONG via 4K4K — KG4W	T2TT via K8NA — JA1HGY
5M2TT via I2YSB — W4DN	TR8CA via F6CBC — JA1HGY
5V7TT via I2YSB — W4DN	TT8PK via F4EGS — K3BEQ
5Z4/PA5M via PA7FM — AA5AM	V73TS via JF1CCH — JA1HGY
9M4SLL via MØURX — JA1HGY	VP2V/KE2VB via NR6M — NR6M
9Q6CC via CX5CC — W2IRT	VP8ROT via GMØHCQ — LU2DKN
9U4U via MØURX — W4WN	XRØYG via G3TXF — W4DN
A5A via JA1TRC — TA3J	XT2TT via I2YSB — W4DN
CW5X via CX2ABC — LU2DKN	XT8TT via I2YSB — LU2DKN
D3AA via UA1QV — TA3J	XV1X via RW6HS — W2IRT
H44KW via G3SWH — K9MM	XWØZJZ via E21EIC — KG4W
HK6F via EA5KB — W2IRT	XW2A via JA2EZD — N2JTX
HT9H via T14SU — HT9H	XW4XR via E21EIC — W2IRT
KH2L via W3HNN — W4DN	Z81X via OHØXX — G3SWH
PJ7AA via AA9A — JA1HGY	ZK3T via DJ2EH — JA1HGY
PTØS via HA7RY — G4GED	ZP5YW via W5UE — W5UE

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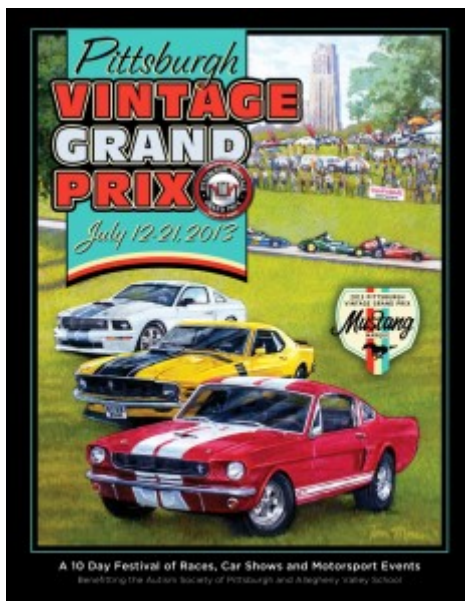
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FCC News

ARRL Web Extra courtesy of the American Radio Relay League

On Wednesday, May 1st, President Barack Obama announced that he has nominated Tom Wheeler to be the new Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. If the Senate confirms the nomination, Wheeler will replace Julius Genachowski who announced his resignation from the FCC in March. Pending Wheeler's confirmation, FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn — the agency's soon-to-be senior Democrat — will serve as the Commission's acting chairman.



Wheeler, 67, has served as an informal adviser to Obama in recent years and has been a major fundraiser for his political campaigns. He has a background as a venture capitalist and as a lobbyist for the communications industry. He is the former President of the National Cable Television Association (NCTA, now known as National Cable & Telecommunications Association) and former Chief Executive Officer of the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA). Currently, he is a Managing Director at Core Capital Partners, a venture capital firm in Washington, DC.

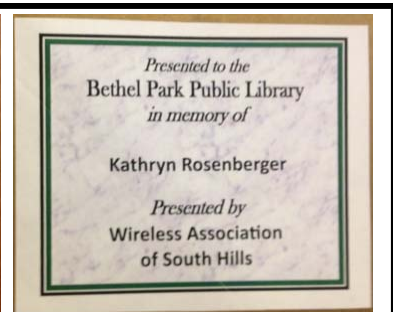
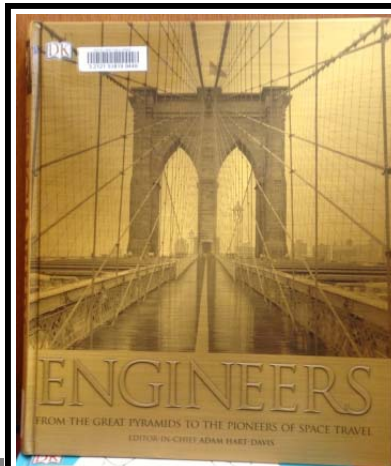
Obama, who made the announcement from the State Dining Room in the White House, said that Wheeler "has been at the forefront of some of the very dramatic changes that we've seen in the way we communicate and how we live our lives. He was one of the leaders of a company that helped create thousands of good, high-tech jobs. He's in charge of the group that advises the FCC on the latest technology issues. He's helped give American consumers more choices and better products."

As technology continues to shape the way that Americans do business and communicate, Obama said that Wheeler will help the FCC fulfill a very important mission: "[Wheeler will give] businesses and workers the tools they need to compete in the 21st century economy, and making sure we're staying at the cutting edge of an industry that again and again we've revolutionized here in America."

Currently, Wheeler is Chairman of the FCC's Technological Advisory Council and Chairman of the State Department's Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy (ACICIP). Wheeler was a fundraiser for Obama during both his 2008 and 2012 campaigns. In 2009, Wheeler led the Obama-Biden Transition Project's Agency Review Working Group that was responsible for the science, technology, space and arts agencies. Wheeler has served on the President's Intelligence Advisory Board since 2011.

Wheeler is the author of Mr. Lincoln's T-Mails, a book on Abraham Lincoln's use of the telegraph. "Mr Wheeler has experienced the revolution in telecommunications as both a policy expert and advocate, as well as a businessman," states the author page for Mr. Lincoln's T-Mails. "As an entrepreneur, he started or helped start multiple companies offering new cable, wireless and video communications services. As a policy expert he has been intimately engaged in the development of the government's telecommunications policy at both the legislative and regulatory level."

Also in March, FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell (a Republican) announced his resignation. There has been no announcement by the White House as to who will be nominated to replace McDowell, although it is not unusual for nominations to fill Republican and Democrat vacancies to be paired, smoothing their way through the confirmation process



Pictured is the book presented to the Bethel Park Library on behalf of WASH in memory of the late Kathryn Rosenberger.

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Has Roadway found the tower yet?



59th Annual BreezeShooters Hamfest & Computer Show

Sunday, June 2nd, 2013 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
at the Butler Farm Show Grounds, Roe Airport, Butler PA
\$5 Per Person Admission Donation

Tailgate / Flea Market Spaces Available at \$5 per Space
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Or mail reservations to 1010 Willow Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15237

Table reservation cut-off date May 20th, 2013

More information on prizes and tables, please contact:
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Download directions & the latest flyer from the BreezeShooters Web Site at
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Fifteenth Annual WASH Picnic at the Breezeshooter's Hamfest

Sunday, June 2nd, 2013
from approximately 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
At the **WASH** Club Location
Somewhere Out in the Flea Market

(Look for us in the vicinity of the Grandstand, along the fence, near the Wash House)

*A tradition at the Breezeshooter's Hamfest for over 26 years on & off,
and a WASH formal or informal activity for the last 15!*

Spend the morning meeting your fellow WPA & Regional Hams, buying or selling stuff & dodging roving golf carts full of Breezeshooters — then join your fellow **WASH** members and our invited friends for lunch, friendship, bragging rights, and (if set up and operational) operating N3SH/3 from the Flea Market!

This will be a "Pot Luck/Covered Dish" Picnic — The Club has traditionally provides the burgers and hot dogs; we're asking everyone coming to bring buns, soft drinks, water, a side dish, snacks, fruit, cookies, dessert, ice, or whatever they can.

Contact Ron W3WN [w3wn at n3sh dot org](mailto:w3wn@n3sh.org) to coordinate who's bringing what.

There is no charge to attend (outside of bringing something to share) but the picnic is not open to the general public, only **WASH** members (including their families), friends & invited guests.



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Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

N3RDV has requested that 2013 membership requests and renewals include an application so that his information is up to date

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