





Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday, June 1 st, 2017

The next meeting of the Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc. will be on **Thursday**, **June 1**st **2017**, in the Conference Room at the St. Clair Hospital Outpatient Center, 2000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park, by South Hills Village & Village Square (map on the back page). The room is available at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be starting at 7:00 PM.

Topics will include the upcoming Breezeshooter's Hamfest, Field Day 2017, a recap of the 2017 Xenia Hamvention, and more. See you there!

Cover Photos: Montage includes an aerial view of Hamvention 2017, and other pictures taken during the event.

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N3SH / WA3SH WASHNet, the weekly on-air net of WASH, meets every Monday Night, 8:00 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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WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test July 20th

The Next WASH VE exam sessions will be Thursday, July 20th, 2017, 7:00 PM, at the WPXI Community Room.4145 Evergreen Road. Pittsburgh, PA 15214, Talk-in on the 146,955 MHz and 443,650 MHz repeaters. All examiners are ARRL VEC affiliated.

Pre-registration is not required. Walk-ins welcome!

But if you plan on attending the test session, please contact VE Team Liason Ron Notarius W3WN:

Telephone (412) 572-6723 or E-Mail: w3wn at n3sh dot org

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 \$15.00 (payable to: ARRL VEC)

Future test dates: October 19th, 2017

Glen's Musings

Here we are again, another June and another Field Day is just around the corner.



WASH looks forward to exciting moments, contacts, and food!

Readers or the **WASHRag**, whether members of the club or not, are invited to join us at South Park!

— 73. Glen Roberts KE7FD President, Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc. N3SH / WA3SH / NP2SH/b

The North Hills ARC has reluctantly announced that their 2017 Hamfest cancelled. The venue used the last few years was not available in 2017, and they were not able to secure a new venue in sufficient time to warrant putting on the event this year. Hopefully, the Hamfest will

be able to

Saturday, May 27th was the start of the Memorial Day weekend for some, smack in the middle of it for others. And then there were the intrepid members of the WASH Breakfast Gang, gathering again at Suzie B's, 950 South Central Avenue (Route 910 at the intersection of Route 519 at US 19) in Canonsburg. This month, those venturing out included N3FB, KB3GMU, N3DFK, W3WH, WB4GCS, KB3DCO back in town, K3HCR and W3WN. Topics of the morning ran the gamut from the Hamvention post-mordem, winning a door prize, Xenia treasures brought home (somehow "Xenia Hamvention" still doesn't have the right ring to it), Field Day plans, taking the cat to the vet, officially getting old (congrats to the new great-grandpa), "we want to buy your car!" ads in the mail, cleaning out the attic, and the 1909 resurvey of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Our next gathering of the Gang will be on Saturday, June 24th, as usual at Suzie B's, 950 South Central Avenue (Route 910 at the intersection of Route 519 at US 19), Canonsburg, officially starting at 8:00 AM. Our "usual" tables will be reserved, but please let Jim WB4GCS know ahead of time, so that Suzie & her crew will have enough space available for us. (We really don't want to fight the State Police for seats... we'd lose!) See you there?

Yes, there will be a WASH Picnic at the 2017 Breezeshooter's Hamfest this year. The customary announcement simply didn't make it into last month's issue, but is in this one — and we're still a "go". Like last year, look for the club setup out in the flea market (we will try for about the same spot near the exhibit buildings we used last year), and plan to join us starting around 11:30. As usual, it will be a "pot luck" cookout, with the club providing burgers and dogs and such, with everyone coming asked to bring something — snack, dessert, side dish, deli tray, whatever.

As usual, contact Carol KB3GMN and/or Ron W3WN know if you're planning to attend, and what you can bring, so that we can coordinate everything. We've already heard from about a dozen or so (including some who can't make it or whose plans have changed). A final follow-up email will be on the N3SH reflector towards the end of the week.

Right on the heels of Breezeshooters will be Field Day 2017. Final discussions on plans will take place at the meeting; if you can't make it, you're still welcome to come, just contact Larry K3VX and let him know. We will be returning to Babcock Grove in South Park again this year, and we're really looking to a great time!

Speaking of which, there was some discussion last month about the club's **Butternut HF6V vertical**. As you may have heard, Dave N3DFK has donated his Hustler vertical antenna for Field Day use. The HF6 is safely in storage an awaiting checking over, after which a final determination as to it's future can be made. And special thanks Dave for the vertical!

Carol KB3GMN has informed the club that the Steel City ARC, our neighbors out in Collier Township, will be holding an Open House for all area Amateur Radio operators, tentatively on August 13th, at the W3KWH club house near Settler's Cabin Park. That includes all of us (even Ye Editor!) Details should be in an upcoming newsletter.

Hard to believe that we're only a few months out from the 2017 Pennsylvania QSO Party. Plans are already in progress, and we hope to have more details in the next few issues. In the meantime, congratulations again to Bill W3WH and the other operators of his station for their Clean Sweep of all 67 counties last year — as you can see, Bill just got his plaque!

Hope you enjoyed the 2017 Hamvention pictures and write-ups this month. We could easily do another 4 or 6 pages of photos from the exhibits, the people, the flea markets, the people, and especially the food... and the people... wow, what a difference a venue can make! Space permitting, we'll try to run some more next month.

So if you went, what was your impression of Hamvention 2017? Ye Editor believes that the new venue is going to work out just fine. There's clearly some fine-tuning to be done, and the mud issue after a rainstorm in the parking areas and flea market must be addressed; he is confident that the Dayton ARA will do just that in the coming months. Your opinion?



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Minutes, May 4th Meeting Harold Rosenberger K3HCR, Vice President / Secretary, WASH

Glen KE7FD, called the meeting to order at 19:15 hours. 17 members were in attendance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence was observed for recent Silent Keys & others deserving, and then introductions.

Motion to waive reading of the minutes based on the minutes printed in the newsletter by Bill W3WH, second by Carol KB3GMN, & passed unanimously.

Committee reports:

Treasurer (N3RDV): Report read and accepted.

Mark requested a motion to file the 2016 taxe returns for the club, and electronically sign for the club officers; also to authorize an extension if necessary. Motion by Bill W3WH, second by Ron W3WN, passed unanimously.

Secretary (KB3ERQ): No Report

VE (W3WN): We had one candidate at the April test session. Congratulations to new Technician Diane Northam KC3JCF. Dates for the rest of 2017 now confirmed as July 20th and October 19th, all at 7 PM at the WPXI Community Room. Thanks again to Frank N3FB for making the arrangements.

Repeaters (N3FB): Appear to be repeating.

WASHNet (KC3ELA): Thanks to all who are checking in.

N3SH.ORG (N3NWR): No report

Public Service (AB3ED):

Short discussion about the Fayette County SET on Saturday, April 29th at the Heritage Ridge BSA camp. Overall, Amateur Radio operators including club members did very well and impressed the organizers.

Contests (K3VX):

- Field Day 2017 preparations well underway. Reminder that we will once abain be at Babcock Grove. We will be using the Special Event call of W3A this year.
- Field Day T-Shirts will again be available, pricing should be close to last year if we have enough orders. The shirt will have our "event" call, red with white lettering. Contact Rick KB3IAC, he will need to know the quantity, size, and short or long sleeve for each shirt ordered by the buyer.
- Those desiring Field Day pins should contact Glen KE7FD, and he will pick them up at Hamvention.

Ways & Means (KB3GMN): Membership Contributions will be accepted tonight at the end of the meeting.

Newsletter (W3WN): Out.

Membership Recognition (KE7FD): Kudos to Mike WA3PYG for being the first man into the SET, and the last man out.

President (KE7FD): There is a possibility of a 53 facility SET sometime in June. All healthcare facilities in SWPA may potentially be involved. It will be a "defined short duration scenario." More details to follow.

Old Business: None New Business: None Good of the Order:

> Bob KC3DOF talked about the international beacon project of the NCDXF. Carol

KB3GMN informed everyone that the Steel City ARC W3KWH will be holding an open house, tentatively on August 13th. All WASH members are welcome and invited.

Motion to Adjourn by Carol KB3GMN, second by Eric K3SGT and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2Ø:45

Following a short break for refreshments, our guest speakers, Bill W3WH and Larry K3VX, talked about Low Band Antennas; design, installation and tips.



WASH Spotlight: N3DFK



Every month we're going to feature a WASH club member, something about them, something they're involved in or a club-related activity that we're involved in, in the WASH Spotlight. Submissions for the Spotlight should be sent to Ron W3WN at newsletter at n3sh dot org

Monthly WASH Breakfast

Please join us for the next **WASH** Breakfast! We usually get together on the LAST Saturday of every month for a chance to informally sit down, shoot the breeze, compare notes, drink lots of coffee, and just have a good time!

> Join us this month at Suzy B's, Route 910 at the intersection of Route 519 at US 19, 1 mile North of Downtown Canonsburg. .Start time is about 8 AM until ???? Monitor 146.955 & 443.659 for talk-in or any last minute changes. All are welcome, WASH members or not, amateurs or not!

Wireless Association of South Hills Membership

AA3GM	KB3IVX	N3RHT
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AB3NM	KB3ORO	N3SBF
AC3AJ	KB3YCX	N3UE
AE3DL	KC3DOF	N3YQX
K3HCR	KC3ELA	NU3Q
K3SGT	KC3HNU	W3LE
K3VX	KC3IRH	W3WH
KA3TWI	KE7FD	W3WN
KA3VXM	N1NCZ	W8LEV
KB3DCO	N3FB	WA3PYU
KB3GMN	N3IDH	WA3VSS
KB3GMU	N3JFQ	WO3Z
KB3IAC	N3RDV	

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WASHTN K3OL KE3XB N3YPB WASHTX K3LGM **KB3IJX** Jane Wagner WASH VI NP2JF

Silent Keys AB3KA K3EED K3LIE

KA3NMG KB3ENX KB3FNM KB3FQT KB3JHQ N3CZZ N3FZ N3HKQ N3KEH N3OBD N3RNX N3SKR N3SRC N3ZEL N3XFE

W3ZLK

WA3JPP

If your call should be listed here & isn't, please contact Mark N3RDV

Through May 29 th, 2017 List complied by Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

2017 WASH Upcoming Events Calendar

Club Meetings & Other Significant Events — Subject to Change

June 1 st	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Hospital Outpatient Center, 2000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park		
June 4 th	Breezeshooter's Hamfest	Big Butler Fair Grounds, Prospect PA		
June 10 th — 12 th	ARRL June VHF Contest	http://www.arrl.org		
June 17 th	Cumberland Valley ARC Hamfest	http://www.w3ach.org		
June 18 th	ARRL Kid's Day	http://www.arrl.org		
June 24 th — 25 th	ARRL Field Day	http://www.arrl.org		
July 2 nd	Somerset Co ARC Hamfest	http://www.k3smt.org		
July 6 th	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Hospital Outpatient Center, 2000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park		
July 8 th — 9 th	IARU HF World Championship	http://www.iaru.org		
July 15 th	North Hills ARC Hamfest	Hamfest Cancelled		
July 20 th	<i>WASH</i> VE Exams	WPXI Community Room, 4145 Evergreen Road, Pittsburgh PA		
August 3 rd	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Hospital Outpatient Center, 2000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park		
September 7 th	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Hospital Outpatient Center, 2000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park		
September 10 th	Butler Co ARA Swapfest	Unionville Fire Hall, Butler PA		
October 5 th	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Hospital Outpatient Center, 2000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park		
October 14 th —15 th	Pennsylvania QSO Party	http://www.nittany-arc.net/PAQSO.html		
October 19 th	<i>WASH</i> VE Exams	WPXI Community Room, 4145 Evergreen Road, Pittsburgh PA		
November 2 nd	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Hospital Outpatient Center, 2000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park		
November 5 th	WACOM Hamfest	Washington County Fairgrounds		
December 7 th	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Hospital Outpatient Center, 2000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park		

"Seen" at the May Meeting Photos Courtesy of and © Copyright 2Ø17 Ron Notarius W3WN



National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting

Frank Bobro N3FB Photos this page courtesy of and © Copyright 2017 Frank Bobro N3FB

I enjoyed the new venue for the Dayton Hamvention this year. After a full day at the show on Friday, by mid-day on Saturday I had seen most everything that interested me. I thought that the flea market area was more compact than HARA, but had better quality vendors. Then the rain came on Saturday and made the field a muddy mess. What to do?

At one of the indoor booths, I came across a volunteer from the *National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting at the Bethany Relay Station*. I had heard about this place before from a Harris Broadcast Engineer and fellow ham. This person is also a board member of this museum. After learning the location and getting a flyer, the prospects of revisiting tables in the mud no longer held my interest. We set off on the 45 minute trip south to the museum.

When you enter, you are shown a video that is an overview of the history of Bethany Station. The six 200 kW Crosley Transmitters and antennas are no longer there – only one nonoperational Collins Transmitter remains as an exhibit. (Photo 1) The area that held the other 5 transmitters has been turned into exhibit space. Outside, the Antenna Switching Matrix at the rear of the museum building remains. Here you can see the high power switching gear for the antennas. The property covered a square mile when it was operational; most of that land was donated to the local community when operations ceased and is now a park.

One space holds a collection of vintage amateur radio equipment and a history of wireless communications. (Photos 2 & 3) Most of the radio equipment is Collins and Hallicrafters gear. It is called the Gray History of Wireless Museum. (Photos 4 & 5)

The center space of the control room still has the remote control panels and equipment racks. We were fortunate enough to speak with the gentleman who worked in this room when it was in operation. This was a relay station and as such did not contain a single microphone. That was a security precaution so that no one could take control of the short wave station locally and broadcast unapproved messages.

The other side of the building houses the Media Heritage Museum. A lot of this space is dedicated to Cincinnati Radio and TV personalities. One of the "lighted" displays is the red tower beacon that was featured during the opening scenes of the "WKRP in Cincinnati" TV show. (Photo 7) Further back in this room is a film island (Photo 6) and other old radio and television equipment. Quite frankly, some of this gear I had used and serviced and it did not seem that old to me. (Photos 8 & 9)

As you continue, there is a space with current amateur radio equipment. It is the WC8VOA amateur radio station hosted by the West Chester Amateur Radio Association. Many people were operating, so I did not take the opportunity to do so, but it was offered.

If you are planning to be in the area check the web site, www.voamuseum.org for hours and days of operation. The museum is open from 1 to 4 PM on the third Saturday of each month or for special occasions.







Hamvention 2017

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SWODXA Dinner

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The Guest Speaker for the Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) DX Dinner, held Friday Night of Hamvention, was Ruth Willet KM4LAO, who spoke about "Experiencing the Hobby of a Lifetime." She is an engineering freshman, but has experienced more in our hobby than most. She studied CW and elevated herself to an Extra Class within a year.

She operates on satellite, mentoring new hams. Including her mother, who is now licensed as a General. She was on a 2016 DX Adventure to Saba Island.



Jim WO3Z and I attended the new Hamvention venue together. There was a horrible traffic jam from all directions on Friday. I do not blame the organizers as the guidance for parking was in the Program. Everyone was funneled into a single lane driveway.

BUT, on Saturday, we assumed it would be an even greater back-up. We were surprised to find that not true; everybody that was stuck the day earlier now had the Program and knew better. We basically drove right into the entrance at 1Ø am. Of course, the problem with the weather did not go away. The well-used areas of the parking and flea market areas turned to mud; again not the blame of the organizers.

Overall, we totally enjoyed the experience at the new venue. Plenty of signs, plenty of food, plenty of directions, plenty of transportation via golf carts and wagons pulled by tractors, and wide open spaces. There seemed to be more attendees there than last year!

wd, after dinner recept

Of course, it was good to see friends, including the well-known broadcast engineer... and surprised to actually see some as it was a large area!

Hamvention 2017

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FCC Issues Notice of Violation for Pirate Broadcasting

Newington, CT, May 30th, 2017 — The FCC Enforcement Bureau has sent a California Amateur Radio licensee a Notice of Violation (NoV) alleging that he engaged in unlicensed — or "pirate" — radio broadcasting — on the FM band. The NoV to Lyle E. Hilden KD6LUL, of Vista, was released on May 26th. Depending on Hilden's responses, the NoV could be a precursor to a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (fine).

According to the FCC's Los Angeles Office, the Enforcement Bureau in March received a complaint of an apparently unlicensed FM broadcasting station on 93.7 MHz in Vista. The NoV does not indicate the origin of the complaint, but these sometimes come from legitimate broadcasters in the listening area. The NoV also does not recount the nature of the alleged pirate broadcasts nor indicate how long they had continued.

The following month, FCC agents monitored the apparent unlicensed signal 93.7 MHz and used direction-finding techniques "to positively locate" its source as Hilden's residence.

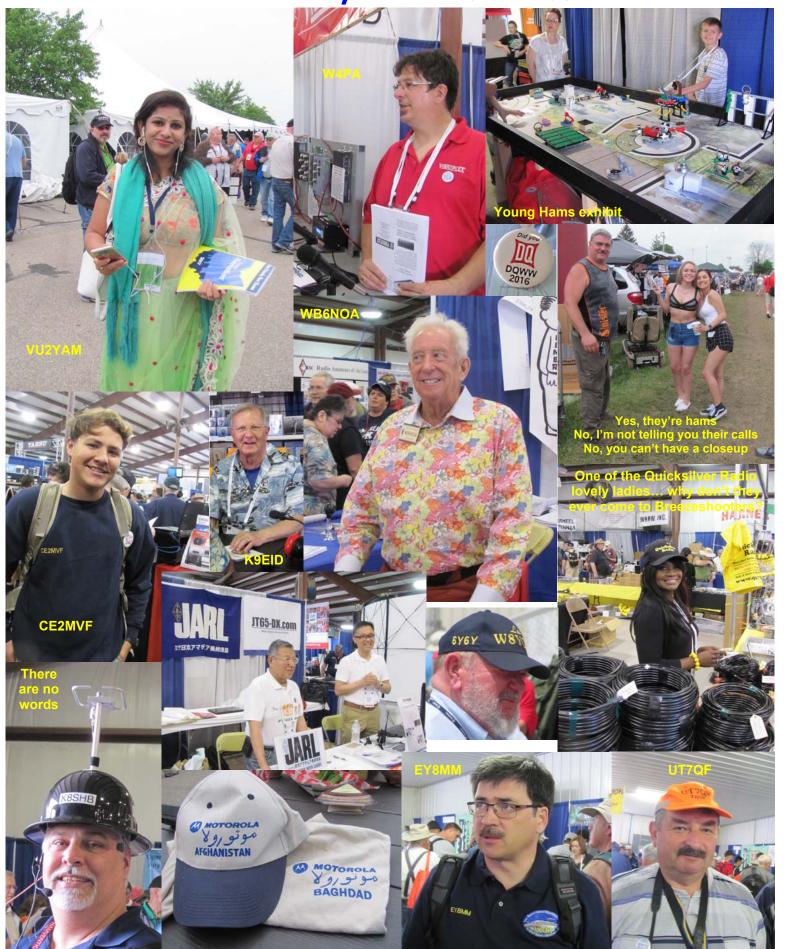
"Field strength measurements revealed that the signal transmitted by the station greatly exceeded 250 μV per meter at 3 meters — the maximum permitted on 93.7 [under Part 15 rules] without a Broadcast license," the FCC said in the NoV. Agents inspected Hilden's station and pointed out in the NoV that his Amateur Radio license does not entitle him to transmit on the FM broadcast band.

The FCC called on Hilden to provide additional information in writing within 20 days of the NoV, fully explaining any violations and providing "all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances." Hilden also must spell out and provide a time line for the actions he has taken to correct any violations and preclude their recurrence.

Scott Township Public Safety Day — June 10th

Bob Mente NU3Q, will be doing an amateur radio demonstration on Saturday, June 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Scott Township Public Safety Day in Scott Township Park. The park is located near the corner of Lindsay and Greentree Roads in Scott Township, Allegheny County. He will be doing mainly digital communications to appeal to the broad audience in attendance at the event, including children. For more information, contact Bob at nu3q@verizon.net

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Hamvention 2017: Friends

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Hamvention 2017: Toys 'n'at

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WPA Section News

Joe Shupienis W3BC, ARRL Western Pennsylvania Section Manager



Falls Creek, PA, May 28^{th} , 2017 — The 2017 ARRL WPA Section Convention is taking place at the Breezeshooters Hamfest, Sunday, June 4^{th} from 8:30 am – 11:30 am.

Your Western Pennsylvania Section is pleased to announce the 2017 Section Convention with ARRL speakers and programs. Get to meet and speak with your ARRL WPA Section staff, your Atlantic Division Director Tom Abernethy W3TOM, and from ARRL HQ in Newington, CT, ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey KI1U!

Schedule of Events



Cory Sickles WA3UVV, WPA PIC

0930 - 1030 ARRL Updates and discussion

Tom Abernethy W3TOM, Atlantic Division Director & Western PA Section Staff

1030 – 1130 Featured Program- ARES and Public Service

Mike Corey KI1U, ARRL HQ ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Keynote Speaker





Mike Corey KI1U is the ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager, with his office at ARRL Headquarters in Newington Connecticut. He will be the keynote speaker at our WPA Section Convention.

Mike joined the ARRL HQ staff in April 2010 as Emergency Preparedness Manager. Prior to joining League staff he worked in law enforcement in Indiana and Mississippi. He has also served as an emergency management volunteer, disaster response volunteer, reserve police officer, law enforcement academy and public safety instructor, and on emergency operations center staff.

Mike, along with Vic Morris AH6WX, is the author of the ARRL publication Storm Spotting and Amateur Radio.

Mike has been licensed since 1988 and holds an Amateur Extra class license. Besides ARES and SKYWARN Mike's interests in Amateur Radio are diverse; DXing, contesting, CW, satellites, digital modes, and being on the business end of the pile up are a few of his favorite activities.

He is a life member of the ARRL, alumni member of Indiana University Amateur Radio Club, member of the University of Mississippi Amateur Radio Club, Yankee Clipper Contest Club, and the Kokomo Amateur Radio Club. He is also a member of the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials, International Association of Emergency Managers, Radio Club of America, and American Meteorological Society.

Somerset County ARC 14th Annual Hamfest

Sunday, July 2nd, 2017, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM (Date Change)

Vendor Setup beginning at 6:00 AM

Somerset County Technology Center

281 Technology Drive, Somerset PA 15501

Talk-in on 147.195 and 443.250 PL 123.0

Admission \$5

More Information at http://www.k3smt.org



The North Hills ARC 32nd Annual Hamfest Has Been Cancelled for 2017



Due to a lack of a suitable venue this year More Information at http://nharc.org

Midway & Kure Islands Reinstated As Active DXCC Entities

Newington, CT., May 11th, 2017 — On March 31st, 2017, the DXCC desk announced the deletion of Midway Island and Kure Island from the DXCC entities list. The stated reason for this action was because of changes in the administration resulting from changes in Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, formerly known as the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, of which the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial, the Hawaii State Seabird Sanctuary at Kure Atoll, and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine Refuge, of which they are all included.

After further review it has been found that the deletion of these two entities is not supported by the changes that were made to the relevant administrations. Therefore, the deletions from the DXCC list should not have occurred and the two entities, Midway Island KH4 and Kure Island

KH7K, will return to the DXCC list as separate entities.



In collaboration with the Liberian Radio Amateur Association, a team consisting of Richmond EL2BG, Dickson EL2DT, Jeremy EI5GM, Dave EI9FBB and Col MMØNDX are delighted to announce the much anticipated IOTA DXpedition to Baiyah Island AF-111P. This IOTA has never before been activated.

Planning and organising this expedition has taken well over a year and is still ongoing. One reconnaissance trip has already taken place to ascertain where the island actually is, and to meet with local elders & community leaders who control Baiyah Island.

The island itself is a cultural sacrifices location for people in the Tarsue Chiefdom. Baiyah island is known as the place where people in nearby villages carry out their traditional worship. As a result, no one normally goes there without proper arrangement and approval.

Our <u>website</u> is now up and running, and in a few weeks time, a second survey trip is upcoming once our finances allow. We need to pinpoint the best landing stage on the island and to reacquaint with local villagers and elders. This entire operation is only possible with their blessing!

Time on the island will be limited and definitely weather dependent. We are under no illusion this activity could be tricky. One only has to look at the <u>Media Gallery</u> on our website to see the island is not very inviting. Nonetheless, we carefully chose early November (dry season) to attempt an activation of AF-111.

We have requested the special callsign **5L3BI** and are hopeful the Liberian Telecoms Authority will approve and issue this to us soon.

Tentatively, dates of activity will be around November 1-4, 2017. This may change slightly but we will update in due course regarding that.

Even at this early stage, demand to work AF-111 will be huge and we kindly ask you work us only once to give all IOTA chasers a fair chance of getting in the log.

Visit our website to support us. https://af111new.com/ Thank you.

- Col McGowan MMØNDX

DX News Briefs

"Last January, we revealed our new project: a *DX* expedition to *St Brandon archipelago* – **3B7**. Initially planned on October 2017, it is finally the period of March-April 2018 which was selected. It presents a maximum of favorable conditions.



Since the announcement, we have worked on many subjects by following our usual roadmap. Although we're already familiar with this kind of preparation, it is far from being a routine because each project is different. This new adventure does not make exception, and has its batch of characteristics. That's all these preparatory tasks achieved during months which will condition success once on the air. A qualified and very motivated team was made up. Our only and single objective will be to satisfy the amateur radio community.

The website is now online, http://www.saintbrandondx.com and will be fed in the coming weeks with articles about the preparation. We are impatient to talk with you about this new project" — F5CWU

S55M is now QRV as **JT5MM**. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via S54G – DX News

9A5K is now QRV as **JT5KK**. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via 9A3JB – DX News

JA1XGI will be QRV as **9H3XG** from Malta, IOTA EU-023, 7 - 12 June 2017, 40 - 15m CW, RTTY. QSL via JA1XGI. – DX News

DK7TX will be QRV as **SV8/DK7TX** from Erikoussa Island, IOTA EU-052, 9 to 10 June 2017, on HF. QSL via DK7TX. – DX Coffee

VK5YL will be QRV from Rarotonga , IOTA OC-013, 10 to 17 June 2017 as E51XYL, primarily on 20 meters SSB. QSL via VK5YL. – DX Coffee

K2HVN will be QRV as **OY/K2HVN** from IOTA EU-018, 13 to 26 June 2017, on 40 – 10 meters. CW & SSB. QSL via K2HVN. – DX Coffee

VK5MAV will be QRV as **VK9MAV** from Marion Reef, Coral Sea Islands, IOTA OC - 267 11 - 16 June 2017, on HF. He will then be QRV from the Whitsundays Islands, IOTA OC - 160, 17 - 18 June 2017. QSL via VK5MAV direct, or via RN3RQ – DX News

F6CTF will be active from French Polynesia June - September 2017 as **TX5JF** and **TX5JF/MM**. He is planning to operate from different IOTA Islands, on 80 - 10m. QSL via F6CTF – DX News

W5JON will be QRV as V47JA from Saint Kitts Island, IOTA NA-104, 12 July - 5 August 2017. He will operate on 160 - 6 m (Including 60m). QSL via W5JON – DX News

K7AR will be QRV as **5WØRA** from Samoa, IOTA OC - 097, 19 - 28 September 2017, on 160 - 10 meters. QSL via K7AR – DX News

QSL Routes

7S1GRK via SK1BL ED4M via EA4ZK R15JSU via R8JAA R7ØCLUB via R74AWB 7Y9WTD via 7X2VFK EE8A via EA8DA R7ØSRC via R9XC 8N6ØJLRS via JQ6FQI EG4TOR via EA4PN RP72GF via RA3TYL 8SØITU via SKØCC EG9TOR via EA4PN S51STWW via S59DAJ 9G1SD via ABØGC EN6ØD via UZ5DX SD3G/7 via DL7UXG 9H1AE via SV2AEL G3M via G4PEO SD5Y/7 via DL2YBG 9H3SQ via SQ3RX G8W via G6DOD SD7V via DL2VFR A91WTIS via A92AA HBØ/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA SPØMC via AO8EU via EA3RKF HG5ØØREF via HAØBW SP9KGC CG2FU via VE2FU II5LDV via IQ5LV T8VE via JA8VE DL6ØTELF via DJØAH IK7XNF via 9A8MDC TJ3PD via N2OO DQØX via DF7IS JT5MA via LY5W TM5ØSNSM via DR5E via DK2CF OF3DP via OH3DP F4GPB V51WH via DK2WH E31A via JH1AJT OF5Z via OH5LIZ

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Consent Decree, Forfeiture Terminate FCC Interference Investigation

Newington, CT, May 25th, 2017 — The FCC has again used a **consent decree** to resolve an enforcement matter. The FCC Enforcement Bureau recently concluded a radio interference investigation with "a negotiated settlement" and \$90,000 civil penalty. The case against AFX Inc. involved the marketing of unauthorized RF devices that interfered with AM/FM radio reception.

After the company's NLL Series LED lighting fixtures were reported to be causing interference to broadcast radio reception last year, the Enforcement Bureau's Spectrum Enforcement Division issued a *Letter of Inquiry (LOI)* to AFX directing it to submit a sworn written response regarding its marketing and sale of the fixtures, considered unintentional radiators under FCC rules. The FCC said evidence revealed that the suspect lighting fixtures had not been tested and authorized under FCC rules prior to marketing, and that AFX continued to market them during an approximately 5-month period after receipt of the *LOI*.

"[W]e find that the public interest would be served by adopting the Consent Decree and terminating the referenced investigation regarding AFX's marketing of unauthorized radio frequency devices, and compliance with Section 302(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended and Sections 2.803(b)(2), 15.107(a), and 15.109(a) of the Commission's rules (Rules)," the FCC said.

- American Radio Relay League

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FCC News

Courtesy of the American Radio Relay League

Newington, CT, May 22nd, 2017 — The FCC has issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation (NUO) to a Texas man for causing interference to a VHF public safety communications system in Dallas County. The FCC Enforcement Bureau issued the Notice to Bradley C. Pike of Dallas on May 17th.

On April 3rd, agents from the FCC's Dallas Enforcement Bureau Office responded to a complaint from Dallas County Consolidated Services regarding interference to their VHF public safety communications system. Agents confirmed by direction-finding techniques that VHF emissions coming from Pike's residence were causing the interference. Pike surrendered a radio signal jammer after admitting to agents that he had used the device, the FCC said.

The Communications Act not only prohibits intentional interference, but the manufacture, importation, marketing, sale, or operation of devices designed to jam or disrupt wireless communications deliberately. Pike could face a substantial fine, seizure of radio equipment, and criminal sanctions, including imprisonment, the FCC said.

Pike has 30 days to respond to the *Notice*, and the Enforcement Bureau "will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply," the FCC told Pike.

The US Government has filed a civil complaint in Federal District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania to recover an unpaid \$11,500 fine that the FCC imposed in a *Forfeiture Order* 2 years ago on Brian Crow K3VR, of North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The complaint was filed in Federal District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania on the basis of Crow's residence. FCC records list what appears to be a private mailbox address in Boynton Beach, Florida, for Crow. The office of the clerk for the US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania confirmed that the complaint was filed on May 8th.

In January 2015, the FCC levied the \$11,500 fine on Crow for allegedly causing deliberate interference. The FCC had linked its enforcement case against Crow with the separate case of Michael Guernsey, KZ8O (ex-ND8V), of Parchment, Michigan, whom the FCC has fined \$22,000 for allegedly causing intentional interference with other Amateur Radio communications and for allegedly failing to identify. In both cases, the FCC said, it responded in March 2014 to "several complaints of intentional interference" on 14.313 MHz, and Commission agents used radio direction-finding techniques to determine the transmission sources.

According to the court complaint against Crow, FCC agents in March 2014 tracked transmissions to Crow's residence and monitored them for approximately 3 hours and heard him transmit slow-scan television (SSTV) signals and a prerecorded voice transmission of another Amateur Radio station on the frequency.

"During this March 14th, 2014, monitoring period, Defendant's transmissions prevented other amateur licensees from communicating over the frequency and Defendant did not transmit his assigned call sign," the complaint said. Agents also inspected Crow's station and, the FCC reported, confirmed that it was capable of operating on 14.313 MHz.

As the complaint notes, Congress has decreed that forfeitures assessed by the FCC shall be "payable into the Treasury of the United States" and shall be "recoverable...in a civil suit in the name of the United States."

The complaint seeks payment of the \$11,500 fine plus interest & plaintiff's costs.

SAQ Transmission Cancelled

There will be no Alexanderson Day over-the-air VLF transmission on June 2nd from SAQ, the Alexanderson alternator station in Sweeden. SAQ periodically schedules transmission with the nearly century-old behemoth that operates on 17.2 kHz from the World Heritage Grimeton Radio Station. SAQ said that the event was cancelled due to ongoing maintenance work at the site.

Dating from the 1900s, the Alexanderson alternator — essentially a massive AC generator run at extremely high speed and connected to an extensive antenna system — can put out 200 kW, but typically is operated at less than one-half that power level. Once providing reliable transatlantic communication, it is now a museum piece and only put on the air on special occasions. The unit at SAQ was built in the 1920s

Has Roadway found the tower yet?

63rd Annual BreezeShooters Hamfest



& Computer Show

Sunday, June 4th, 2017 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Big Butler Fairgrounds, 1127 New Castle Road (US 422), Prospect PA 16052 \$5 Per Person Admission Donation

Indoor Tables & Tailgate / Flea Market Spaces Available

Flea Market spaces \$10 for the first space, \$5 for each additional space Fairgrounds open at 5 PM June 3rd for Vendor & Tailgate Setup

14 Main Prizes

11 Half Hour Prizes (based on Admission Tickets)

Indoor Tables \$20 per table and may be reserved by contacting Bob at (724) 410-1028

Or mail reservations to PO Box 101018, Pittsburgh PA 15237

Table reservation cut-off date May 20th, 2017

Download directions & the latest flyer from the BreezeShooters Web Site at http://www.breezeshooters.org or email hamfest2017@breezeshooters.org



Nineteenth Annual WASH Picnic at the Breezeshooter's Hamfest

Sunday, June 4th, 2017 from approximately 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM At the *WASH* Club Location Somewhere Out in the Flea Market

(We have 3 spaces together, exact location to be determined)

A tradition at the Breezeshooter's Hamfest for over 29 years on & off, and a WASH formal or informal activity for the last 18!

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 Carol KB3GMN <u>n3sbf@comcast.net</u> to coordinate who's bringing what.

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

Skyview Radio Society Swap'n'Shop

Sunday, August 27th, 2017, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM



Grounds Open at 6 AM for Vendors & Tailgaters Skyview Radio Society Clubhouse 2335 Turkey Ridge Road, New Kensington, PA

Talk-in on 146.640 PL 131.8

Admission \$5

More Information at http://www.skyviewradio.net

Uniontown ARC GabFest 67th Annual Hamfest

Saturday, September 2nd, 2017, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Setup Time at 6 AM for Vendors & Tailgaters

W3PIE Clubhouse, 433 Old Pittsburgh Road (just off State Route 51 & US 119 or State Route 43), Uniontown

Talk-in on 147.045 PL 131.8

Free Admission — Free Parking — Free Swap-N-Shop Setup With Registration

More Information at www.w3pie.org/gabfest.htm



Butler County ARA Swapfest 2017

Sunday, September 10th, 2017, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Grounds Open at 6 AM for Vendors & Tailgaters

Unionville Volunteer Fire Department

102 Mahood Road (at Route 8 North), Butler, PA 16001

Talk-in on 147.360 PL 131.8

Admission \$5

More Information at http://www.w3udx.org





Sunday, November 5th, 2016, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM Vendors Setup starting at 6 AM Washington County Fairgrounds 2151 North Main Street, Washington, PA 15301 Talk-in on 146.790 PL 131.8

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More Information at http://www.wacomarc.org



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The South Hills Hamfest — Now in our Twenty Third big year! Sponsored by the Wireless Association of South Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Sunday, February 25th, 2018 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM Rain or Shine (or Snow!)

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For Table Reservations, or More Information, Please Contact:

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

Please make your check or money order payable to the club treasurer, Mark Stabryla.

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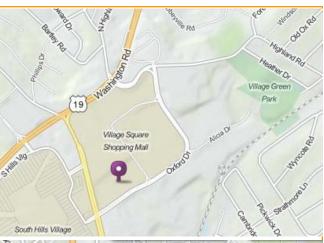




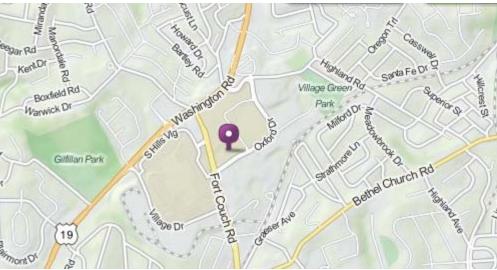
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