



The **W3PIE LETTER**

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TEN TEC ANNOUNCES NEW QRP HF RIG

Ten Tec has announced plans to develop a new radio for HF QRP enthusiasts. It will be designated the model 516, and be similar in appearance to the new Ten Tec VHF 6/2 meter rig that is currently on the market. The new model 516 should be on the market as early as the first of January, 2002. From the internet: Ten-Tec solicits comments on pending transceiver: Ten-Tec is looking for comments and suggestions from the amateur community on its proposed Model 516 "IF-DSP" low-power (variable from 1-5 W) HF transceiver--a general coverage, software-defined radio. The rig is expected to be on the street by next January at a price under \$600. It will offer CW, SSB and FM and AM and 38 DSP filters from 200 Hz to 8 kHz. Because of its software-defined design, Ten-Tec will be able to incorporate changes much later in its production schedule than typically is possible with discrete-component design. Ten-Tec says almost all

functions and features are stored in flash ROM. To add new features, users will download the latest software version from the Ten-Tec Web site. Ten-Tec invites suggestions for features to be incorporated in the new radio via e-mail, sales@tentec.com. Details on the transceiver are available on the Ten-Tec Web site, <http://www.tentec.com/TT516.htm>

POSTAGE RATE CHANGE

As of July 1st 2001, the correct postage for a postcard/QSL has now been increased one cent to 21 cents. However, the one ounce letter rate is still the same as it has been (34 cents).

W3PIE VE EXAM TESTING DATES

Other future exams: **September 16, December 2**. Plan to arrive at the club before 2 PM, bring a copy of your license and the original, also an additional form of ID such as a driver's license, and two number 2 pencils. The exam fee is now ten dollars. Technician, General, and Extra exams will be available. Walk-ins are welcome.

Next Club Meeting is Wednesday, August 1st 2001

JULY MEETING ATTENDANCE

Hank Duke KE3RS
Tom McDermott WB3BVZ
Tim Soxman W3ZVT
George Syner WA3OGQ
Joyce Chuprinko KA3CUT
Steve Holowach K3SDH
Tony Alviar KA3VOR
Butch Blair KB3GPD
Anthony Pyzdrowski N3JZN
1 **Guests:** Wade Wholer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bill Chesslo KB3CDO 8/3
Delbert Fullem W3RUC 8/7
Terry Ronzio KA3OLF 8/8
Sam Zehel N3PSQ 8/10
Anthony Pyzdrowski N3JZN 8/23
Dave Kir WA3DJG 8/29
Tony Alviar KA3VOR 8/31



The Monthly Club Meeting is Wednesday August 1st 2001

Sam Call CD now @ the Club

SUMMERTIME IS ANTENNA TIME

Summertime is the perfect time to experiment with antennas. You can put up a dipole for a new band. Or, you can try to improve your antenna by increasing height or adding additional elements, or extra ground radials if you have a vertical. Why not try to get on one of those WARC bands? That old antenna tuner lets you use existing antennas on various frequencies, but I'll bet you will be surprised just how much better an antenna cut for the frequency that you operate on will perform, compared to the random antenna wire/tuner combination. Experiment, and have fun. Just remember "safety first", keep your antenna projects FAR away from the high voltage power lines, and DON'T climb trees, ladders, or roofs unless you really really know how to be absolutely safe doing it. **Bert Sesler WA3WAW**

GET WELL WISHES

The membership at W3PIE would like to extend our Get Well wishes to Last year President of W3PIE, Kirk Dorn-N3EKP. Kirk is recovering slowly from a kidney infection following knee surgery. Kirk has been hospitalized for approximately 70 or so days because of this particular ailment. Please get well soon Kirk..



Field Day June 23rd a success for W3PIE

A great Saturday for a Field Day. The day started out looking like an all day rain but soon cleared up to be a fantastic day for radio. The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club would like to thank Carl Chuprinko, WA3HQK for the use of the antenna's and fishing reel slingshot. Without the generosity of Carl we may have not had the signal strength that we had on that day. We as a group made 112 SSB contacts, also 157 CW contacts by Bert Sesler, WA3WAW. Utilizing Emergency power awarded the club a 100 point bonus. Submitting a copy of the W1AW Field Day message added another 100 points. So the final score for the club, after adding the multipliers will be 1052 total points. Keep your eye out for the QST magazine article for our listing. Those who attended the Field Day operation were:

Bert Sesler WA3WAW
Dave Watson N3QAS
Steve Holowach K3SDH
Joyce Chuprinko KA3CUT
Chuck Johnson K3CFJ
Barry Miller NJ3X
Toni Bloom KB3GPE



Submitted By
Dave Watson
N3QAS



AUGUST HAMFESTS

Voice of Aladdin ARC

August 4th, 2001

Contact: James Morton, KB8KPJ

6070 Northgap Drive

Columbus, OH 43229-1945

Phone: 614-846-7790

Email: kb8kpj@cs.com

Juniata Valley ARC

August 4th, 2001

Contact: Richard Yingling,

WB3COB

PO Box 73

Yeagertown, PA 17099

Phone: 717-242-1882

Tri-State ARA **August 11th, 2001**

Contact: Garry Ritchie, W8OI

19 Pinecrest Drive

Huntington, WV 25705

Phone: 304-733-1300

<http://www.qsl.net/tara>

Email: w8oi@arrl.net

Tri-State ARA

August 12th, 2001

Contact: Carl Will, KB3DHN

PO Box 1012

Dingman's Ferry, PA 18328

Phone: 570-828-7622

<http://www.qsl.net/k3tsa/>

Email: kb3dhn@mercurylink.net

Southern PA Group, Hilltop
Transmitting Assn., & York ARC

August 12th, 2001

Contact: Cecil Mundorff, K3DCU

2085 Delta Road

Felton, PA 17322-7979

Phone: 717-927-6662

Fax: 717-927-9282

<http://www.carli-online.com/hamfest/>

Email: k3dcu@juno.com

Portsmouth Radio Club

August 18th 2001

Contact: Jack King, KB8NBI

Phone: 740-372-5811

Warren ARA **August 19th, 2001**

Contact: Renee McCaman,

KB8SVF

317 Raymond Avenue NW

Warren, OH 44483

Phone: 330-847-8478

Email: mccaman@cboss.com

<http://www.onecom.net/wara>

WVA Amateur Radio Council

August 25th, 2001

Contact: Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY

1256 Ridge Drive

South Charleston, WV 25309

Phone: 304-768-9534

Email: ka8zgy@arrl.net

Skyview Radio Society

August 26th, 2001

Contact: Robert Livrone,

N3WAV

116 Arizona Drive

Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Phone: 724-339-9607

[http://www.microconnect.net/](http://www.microconnect.net/~ggross/skyview.htm)

[~ggross/skyview.htm](http://www.microconnect.net/~ggross/skyview.htm)

Email: n3wav@arrl.net

RUBBER ROOF

ON CLUBHOUSE

Well the roof over the furnace room is still not complete. Utilizing one Saturday morning on the job, this item can be taken off the thing to do list. If you are interested in helping out keep an ear bent on the time that we will be going to the club to complete this job. If you want to come out for moral support that is fine also, who knows you may get to throw a hammer up to us!!

FREE CRANK UP TOWER

In need of a crank-up tower..? John Martinelli, N3RNU has a nice one that he would like to get rid of if you just go take it down and haul it away. Contact John by calling (724) 437-3427

TRACTOR NEEDED FOR W3PIE

Because of this article we received several calls pertaining leads for a tractor. We now need to follow up on our leads. We need a tractor big enough to cut grass at a faster pace, clear the driveway during the winter season. If anyone has any knowledge of a used tractor for-sale please contact W3PIE Club President David Watson, N3QAS (724) 437-4733

RESPONSE TO THE W3PIE NEWSLETTER

I have received many encouraging e-mail's from many people. And I would like to thank you for all your flowers. You just out of the blue started seeing this newsletter pop up in your electronic mailbox. I am sure most of you enjoy reading news about the events of the W3PIE Radio Club. Soon I will be sending everyone just the link to be able to receive it at your own leisure. If you would not want to be on my e-mail list, let me know. *David Watson*

COLLECTORS CORNER

By Tim Soxman W3ZVT

The Autronic Paddles

Autronics paddles were manufactured by the Electrophysics Corporation of Newport Beach California. They were produced from 1960-1968 and the early models had squared off jam nuts while the later models used tapered jam nuts.

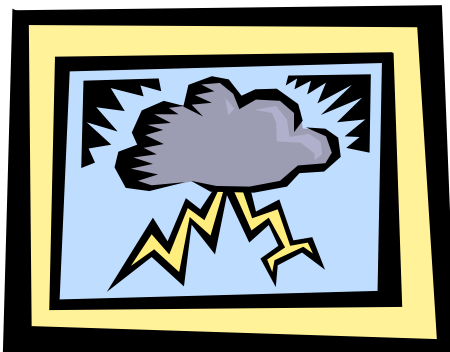
The Autronic paddles were single lever paddles using a stirrup arrangement for the dash contacts. An Autronic electronic keyer was also manufactured by the same company.

The paddles were manufactured with a cast base with "Autronic" cast into the top of the base. On the bottom of the base was cast, "Electrophysics Corporation, Newport Beach, CA" There were some Autronics keys with a Costa Mesa address but not too many. The base of the key was painted gray and the paddles were also gray.

Autronic keys are not rare, but are not common either.



BAD WEATHER PRECAUTIONS



Summer is here, and with the outbreak of nasty weather, be sure that when you leave the radio shack that your home station is safely grounded for possible lightning strikes. It's better to be safe than sorry...

THURSDAY NIGHT 147.045 WB3LUC NET

Please check in 147.045 + @ 9:00 PM every Thursday. Try to check into this net to update yourself on W3PIE club activities. How will you know what is going on if you don't listen or check in.?

Pat Pallini, WB3LUC

147.045 REPEATER

On June 13th, 2001 the 147.045 W3PIE repeater was once again disabled by a local lightning strike. Jay, WB3JNP had the repeater up and running back to its normal capacity. Sorry for any inconvenience...

YEAR 2001 UNIONTOWN TRIATHLON SUCCESS

Thanks to all involved in the triathlon this year. 22 hams participated, helping with communications and encouraging the participants. Proceeds from the race go to the Salvation Army in Uniontown. Konrad Kammerer, W3KK came in from Pittsburgh to help us, and he brought along orange "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications" hats for us to wear. Konrad is the communications director for the Pittsburgh Marathon, and we thank him for his help.

Special Thanks go out to:

Pat Pallini WB3LUC,
Paul Renninger K3ECZ,
Dave Watson N3QAS,
George Syner WA3OGQ,
Tim Soxman W3ZVT,
Tom Gomery KA3WMD,
Louis Gattis KB3EGA,
Randall McPherson KF3DR,
Scott Button KF3CP,
Paul Button KB3DLT,
Konrad Kammerer W3KK,
Steve Holowach K3SDH,
Rick Sikora KA3WUO,
Leonard Barron WA3EGS,
Hank Duke KE3RS,
Mike Kosco KA3WOI,
Val Sesler N3YSX,
Bert Sesler WA3WAW,
Tony Alviar KA3VOR,
Chuck Johnson K3CFJ,
Toni Bloom KB3GPE,
Dan Hair KB3GEU.

W3PIE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18th, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: 9 Members were present: Henry, KE3RS, Tom, WB3BVZ, Tim, W3ZVT, George, WA3OGQ, Joyce, KA3CUT, Steve, K3SDH, Tony, KA3VOR, Butch, KB3GPD, Anthony, N3JZN

GUESTS PRESENT: 1 Guest Present: Wade Wholer

CALL TO ORDER: Secretary Tony Alviar, KA3VOR, called the meeting to order at 1936 with 9 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes of the June meeting were printed in the newsletter and approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

The following applications were approved for membership, Butch Blair, KB3GPD, Buck Griffith, KB3GPF, Bob Vail, KB3GES.

A discussion regarding the possibility of tower rental at W3PIE by a private communications company was conducted. The proposed contract is currently in the hands of the club attorney for review. Once Tom has finished reviewing the contract, a meeting between UARC Officers and the Tower Company will be conducted to hammer out contract details, rent, and space/area needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was conducted at the meeting.

Meeting was closed at 2010 hours.

- respectfully submitted by Tony Alviar, KA3VOR



MORE 2000 PICNIC PICTURES

YEAR 2001 W3PIE PICNIC AUGUST 26TH

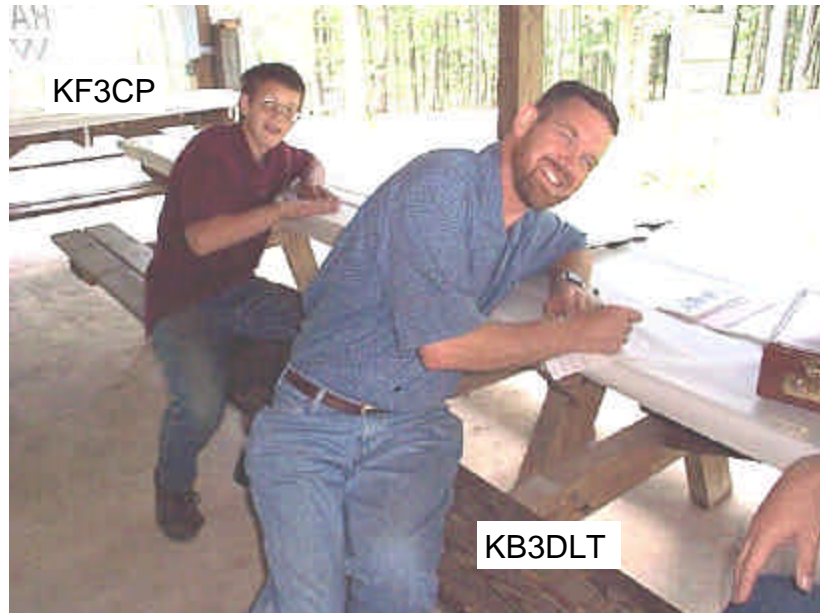
Soon approaching is the annual W3PIE picnic, annually held at the Wharton Township Recreational Park on Route 381 in Farmington. This years picnic is scheduled to take place on Sunday August 26th. Organizing such an event requires a lot of preparation and people to participate to make it a success. Any ideas and/or suggestions will be discussed further at the August 1st meeting. Please attend this meeting and help organize this event. This year with the help of Scott Button, KF3CP we will be launching a weather balloon up into the atmosphere while tracking it from the picnic grounds. All Amateurs are welcome to join us. Tnx..

David Watson – N3QAS

FEEDBACK
ARTICLES, FOR-SALE,
ISO, ETC, FOR THE
NEWSLETTER

SEND TO:

wa3waw@arrl.net
vze27z5x@verizon.net
talviar@fcema.org



KF3CP

KB3DLT



TERRI

WA3OGQ



WB3LUC

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

UNIONTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.—W3PIE
 433 Old Pittsburgh Road
 Uniontown, PA 15401
 724-439-8158



PLEASE PRINT

Name	Call	License Class
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Birth Date	E-mail

Full Membership	Associate Membership	Student Membership	Family Membership
\$2.50 per month And a one time Registration Fee of \$5.00 Cost is \$30/year	\$15.00 per year	\$15.00 per year and one time Registration Fee of \$1.50	\$5.00 per Family Member per year

v ALL THAT APPLY

I am applying for?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Membership *	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate Membership	Sponsor _____
<i>*Requires Sponsor</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Membership *	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Membership *	

Is this application a renewal? Yes No

Are you an ARRL Member? Yes No

May we list your phone number on the club roster? Yes No

Would you like a 2nd AutoDial number? (Full members only) Yes No

If yes, list the optional number _____

Make all checks payable to: **Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, INC**

Total Amount Paid _____

Being genuinely interested in Amateur Radio, I hereby apply for Membership in the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Inc. As a Member I will abide by the Constitution of the Club. Also, I will support the Club to the best of my ability.

X _____
Signature of Applicant
Date

W3PIE AUGUST 2001 NEWSLETTER

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THE CLUB REPEATERS: 147.045+, 147.255+, 443.750+ FULL TIME PL OF 123.0
AFFILIATE REPEATER: WB3LUC 145.170- FULL TIME PL OF 131.8
PACKET NODE: W3PIE-1/UARC 145.690

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TIM SOXMAN, W3ZVT
DAVE KIR, WA3DJG

THE CLUB HOLDS ITS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 PM AT THE UNIONTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CLUBHOUSE.

Newsletter staff for this issue

John Cermak, WB3DOD	Dave Watson, N3QAS	Tony Alviar, KA3VOR
Jim Takacs, NC3K	Pat Pallini, WB3LUC	Steve Holowack K3SDH
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