



The **W3PIE LETTER**

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**Next Club Meeting
is Wednesday,
December 3,
2003**

NOMINATIONS

At the November meeting the annual nomination for officers took place. Although not official yet until voting takes place at the December meeting will the nominated officers hold office. Nominations were as follow: Enclosed in your Newsletter is your ballot!

President

David Watson N3QAS

V. President

**Wayne Cavander, N3TRF
Mike Kosco, KA3WOI**

Secretary

Tony Alviar KA3VOR

Treasurer

George Syner WA3OGQ

Trustee

**Dave Kir, WA3DJG
Paul Renninger, K3ECZ**

Have a safe holiday..!

**W3PIE
WHO'S WHO!**

Each month I would like to attempt a brief Q&A with a member of our HAM community. This will give our members some insight into other HAM radio operators and what keys their mikes!

-Dave Wadsworth, N3LML

Name: Herb Shaffer

Callsign: KA3WSO

License Class: General

Licensed Since: 1991

Place of birth: Charleroi, PA

Date of Birth: 11/10/44

Hometown now: Perryopolis

Dream Vacation: A fishing trip in Canada.

Spouse: Liz

Children: None

Pets: Bear (Dog) Pocko & Max (Birds) & Numerous farm animals!

Hobbies (other than HAM Radio!): Fishing, Computers, Collecting old radios

Most memorable HAM Moment: Getting a QSL card from Chet Atkins (Guitar Player) & having an article published in QST Magazine

Favorite Ham fest: Dayton

Hamvention

Favorite Radio: Kenwood TS-570D

Favorite Band: 17 Meters

Favorite Mode: Voice

Most used frequency: 147.045

Favorite saying: Keep Your Powder Dry!

Another HAM you would like to see interviewed: Wayne N3TRF

If you have any suggestions or would like to offer to be interviewed for our monthly Who's Who just drop me a line at junkmail.here@verizon.net



The Monthly Club Meeting is Wednesday December 3, 2003

THURSDAY NIGHT 147.045 WB3LUC NET

As always, please check in to the 147.045 + repeater @ 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 ANTENNA REPORT

Earlier this year, the Repeater Technicians located some problems with the 147.045 repeater. To date a bad power amplifier has been found and repaired, a faulty antenna connection at the top of the tower has been found and repaired, and a faulty antenna at the top of the tower has been found.

Our current .045 repeater antenna was purchased in the summer of 1991. This antenna gave us 12 years of good service. The antenna purchased so many years ago was a Celwave PD340-2 4 bay folded dipole antenna with wiring harnesses enclosed in the mast pipe. Unfortunately this antenna is no longer manufactured and parts are no longer available from Celwave. This was found out after the replacement antenna was ordered. In late September, the order was placed with Motorola for a replacement antenna from Celwave. To our dismay, Motorola "sat" on the order until late

October before advising us that the antenna was no longer available.

Back to the drawing board so to speak while the Repeater Techs found an alternate antenna that would perform and hold up to the elements at the mountain top site. A suitable replacement was located as a Decibel Products DB-224E and should be shipping a few days prior to Thanksgiving. Nothing like waiting until the snow hits to put up an antenna.

Several people will be needed to achieve the antenna swap at the .045 tower. Should you be available to assist in this venture (date of antenna work yet to be established) please contact Tony Alviar, KA3VOR, talviar@fcema.org or Herb Shaffer, KA3WSO, herbliz@lcsys.net to be placed on the list of available volunteers. We will contact you several days prior to the estimated repair date and will have to "play it by ear" to work around the weather, etc.

-Tony, KA3VOR

DONATIONS TO W3PIE UARC, INC

Several inquiries have been received by the various officers regarding cash donations to the Club. A few of our lifetime members have indicated that they would like to make contributions yearly in the amount of the yearly dues. Many, however do not know the amount of our dues.

Full Membership annual dues are currently set at \$30

Associate Membership annual dues are currently set at \$15

Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact either Tony Alviar, KA3VOR, Secretary, UARC at 724-430-1277-w or 724-323-2277-cell or 724-329-4499-home or via e-mail at talviar@fcema.org

-or-

George Syner, WA3OGQ,
Treasurer
Uniontown Amateur Radio Club
433 Old Pittsburgh Rd
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-439-1554-Home

Remember donations of radio equipment, radio related equipment, computer equipment, computer related equipment, or monetary donations are always welcome by UARC.

The club wishes to thank those that have contributed over the years to help keep the club going.

-UARC officers

NEWSLETTER

Many have inquired "What happened to the newsletter?" Many have heard "The newsletter staff burned out. . . ." The newsletter takes many hours and lots of teeth pulling to get articles and other information to be placed into the newsletter. A newsletter committee has been formed and consists of the following people: Tony, KA3VOR, Herb, KA3WSO, Dave, N3QAS, Dave, N3LML and hopefully a few others. Articles can be forwarded to any of the above folks via e-

UARC T-SHIRTS

A Special Thanks to all of the great folks who ordered a W3PIE T-Shirt, a special "thank you" from KA3WSO.

If you did not receive your shirt yet, please contact me at 724 326-8810 or herbliz@lcsys.net.

-Herb, KA3WSO

CANDLE ORDERS

Also, Brenda Cavender, N3TRG, is taking orders for candles to help out the club. If interested in purchasing one, you can e-mail her at:

n3trg@msn.com.

Have a great holiday!!!

*-Herb, KA3WSO
-Brenda, N3TRG*

UPCOMING AREA

VE SESSIONS

04-Dec-2003

Sponsor: SALVATION ARMY

Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: JOSEPH D SCIULLI (412) 481-3594

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: ALLEGHENY COUNTY EMERGENCY CENTER 400 N LEXINGTON ST CLASS SESSION PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY PITTSBURGH, PA 15208 04-Dec-2003

Sponsor: BEAVER VALLEY ARA

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ANTHONY F PETRUCCELLI (724)774-4173

Email: KE3ED@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: COMM COLL/BEAVER CTY 125 CESSNA DR (BEAVERCTYAIRPORT AVIATION SCIENCES BLDG BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010 06-Dec-2003

Sponsor: NORTH HILLS ARC/K3NHC

Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT W BENNA (412) 366-0488

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: NORTH HILLS SR HIGH SCHOOL 53 ROCHESTER RD CALL AHEAD FOR ACCOMMODATIONS PITTSBURGH, PA 15229 06-Dec-2003

Sponsor: UNIONTOWN ARC INC W3PIE

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: DAVID G WATSON (724) 437-4733

Email: VZE27Z5X@VERIZON.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: 433 OLD PITTSBURGH RD UNIONTOWN, PA 15401 08-Dec-2003

Sponsor: CARNEGIE TECH RADIO CLUB

Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: MAYA NIGROSH (412)901-7446

Email: MNIGROSH@ANDREW.CMU.EDU

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY 5000 FORBES AVENUE HAMMERSCHLAG HALL PITTSBURGH, PA 15213 10-Dec-2003

Sponsor: SOMERSET COUNTY ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: STEWART R SAYLOR (814) 444-0637

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: JB SCHROCK COMMUNITY PARK BLDG 700 SOUTH ST BERLIN, PA 15530 10-Dec-2003

Sponsor: TWO RIVERS ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: ROBERT L QUINN (412) 678-1206

Email: ROBERTQ27@MSN.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: MCKEESPORT AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH HALL - ROOM 112 1960 EDEN PARK BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED MC KEESPORT, PA 15134 17-Dec-2003

CERT-AIN THINGS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

When manmade or natural disasters occur a majority of people either want to help or they require help. In response to this and as part of President Bush's "citizen's call to action" the Fayette County Office of Emergency Management through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, in a nationwide effort, is offering **Citizen Emergency Response and Preparedness Training**.

The September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on America and the Pennsylvania snowstorms of 2002 have exposed us to two types of disasters, they also provided us with valuable information most importantly the need for each of us to be better prepared.

To better assist ourselves, our community and our emergency providers, Citizen Emergency Response and Preparedness (CERT) trained individuals would, after ensuring the safety of his/her own person and property, reach out to their neighbor.

The training requires no physical activity, lasts a few hours and includes modules in preparedness and response.

The program is of no cost to you or the participants. All handouts, pamphlets, books and some informational flyers announcing the training in your area will be provided by our agency.

Our state certified trainers can come to your meeting area or your group is free to use the Fayette County EMA/911 EOC for CERT Training.

For further information please visit our website www.fcema.org or call 724-430-1277.

*-Sue Kozak-Griffith,
Fayette County EMA*

W3PIE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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Wednesday, November 5, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: 19 Members were present: Dave Watson, N3QAS, Tony Alviar, KA3VOR, George Syner, WA3OGQ, Brenda Cavander, N3TRG, Wayne Cavendar, N3TRF, Joyce Chuprinko, KA3CUT, Dave Wadsworth, N3LML, Herb Shaffer, KA3WSO, Keith Jones, KB3IOK, Tom Gomery, KA3WMD, Bert Sesler, WA3WAW, Tim Soxman, W3ZVT, Teedle, K3ECZ, Mike Kosco, KA3WOI, Roye Leckemby, N3ROA, Pat Pallini, WB3LUC, Scott Button, KF3CP, Paul Button, KB3DLT, Rick Sikora, KA3WUO

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Watson, N3QAS, called the meeting to order at 1933 with 19 members present.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

UARC Club Officers were successful in the Real Estate Tax Appeal and are now property tax exempt in Fayette County. The Tax Collector has refunded the school taxes that UARC paid this fall. This will be a substantial savings to the club.

The replacement repeater antenna was ordered and declared no longer in production by the manufacturer. A second replacement antenna has been ordered and estimated ship date is Thursday, November, 20, 2003 from the manufacturer to us.

The printer/copier in the Radio room has been replaced by HP under our extended warranty with a new and improved unit.

T Shirts are in. If you ordered shirts and have not received them, contact Herb, KA3WSO

The ARES and RACES staff have conducted a drill on November 1 using simplex and a variety of other frequencies. A total of 22 check ins were reported.

UARC membership assisted Uniontown City Police during the recent Prince Andrew Visit held on Sunday, October 26, 2003. It was noted that this event was poorly setup and poorly planned by the City Police. Little information was relayed to the radio operators under the guise of "security".

UARC is conducting a ticket sale raffling \$600 off on Tuesday November 25, 2003 on the evening daily number. Membership was advised that some tickets were still available for sale. Membership took remainder of the tickets at the conclusion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination of officers for 2004 were as follows:

President	Dave Watson, N3QAS
V President	Wayne Cavander, N3TRF Mike Kosco, KA3WOI
Secretary	Tony, KA3VOR
Treasurer	George, WA3OGQ
Trustee	Dave Kir, WA3DJG Paul "Teedle" Renninger, K3ECZ

Membership was advised that NWS Pittsburgh has recently turned on two new weather transmitters on 162.475 located in Morgantown, WV, and 162.500 located on Greggs Knob, Preston County, WV. Both transmitters appear to cover Fayette County well. Initial testing conducted by some members has yielded coverage on either of the above or the 162.55 Pittsburgh Transmitter in most parts of the county. Where one drops off one of the others picks up.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave, WA3DJG, and seconded by Tim, W3ZVT. Meeting was adjourned at 2030 - respectfully submitted by Tony Alviar, KA3VOR

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
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\$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
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ALL THAT APPLY

I am applying for?

Full Membership *

Associate Membership

**Requires Sponsor*

Student Membership *

Family Membership *

Sponsor

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 DECEMBER 2003 NEWSLETTER

PUBLISHED PERIODICALLY FOR THE UARC MEMBERSHIP AND INTERESTED PARTIES. CLUB HOUSE IS LOCATED JUST OFF RT. 51 & 119 BY-PASS IN UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA ON OLD PITTSBURGH RD
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

PRESIDENT: DAVE WATSON, N3QAS, 724-437-4733
VICE PRESIDENT: CARL CHUPRINKO, WA3HQK, 304-594-3779
SECRETARY: TONY ALVIAR, KA3VOR, 724-329-4499
TREASURER: GEORGE SYNER, WA3OGQ, 724-439-1554
CALL SIGN TRUSTEE: JOHN RUDIK, WB3JNP, 724-437-2526
TRUSTEES: JOHN RUDIK, WB3JNP, 724-437-2526
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. ALL AMATEURS ARE WELCOME
GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Newsletter staff for this issue: John Cermak, WB3DOD, SK

Dave Watson, N3QAS Tony Alviar, KA3VOR Herb Shaffer, KA3WSO
Jim Takacs, NC3K Pat Pallini, WB3LUC Dave Wadsworth, N3LML
Brenda Cavandar, N3TRF UARC Officers

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