



The **W3PIE LETTER**

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HAZMAT OPEN HOUSE

The Fayette County Hazardous Materials Response Team 900 conducted an open house on Sunday, May 16, 2004 for the Team's membership and interested members from a few of the organizations affiliated with Fayette County Emergency Management Agency.

During the open house, recognition was made to all of the members of the County Hazmat Team, as well as the members of various organizations that have helped get the County Hazmat Team to the point they are today.

Part of this recognition went to a member of the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club. Pat Pallini, WB3LUC was presented with an award for his achievements in assisting the County Hazmat Team since the Teams inception in the early 80's.

Pat has assisted since then as a Hazmat Specialist for his abilities as a chemist, radio operator, and general ability to do just about anything asked of him.

The Training Room at the new Hazmat Facility has been dedicated to Pat Pallini for his dedication to the team. A plaque has been placed at the opening of the Training Room as a reminder to all who enter of the dedication and devotion of Pat Pallini to the Fayette County Hazardous Materials Response Team.

-Tony Alviar, KA3VOR

EMA Director, and Hazmat Administrative Chief, Roy Shipley, Jr, presents Pat Pallini, WB3LUC with his award recognizing Pat for his hard work to help the Hazmat Team without ever asking for anything in return.

Pat's hard work helped lead this team to be the finest Hazmat Team in the Commonwealth.

**Next Club Meeting
is Wednesday,
June 2nd
2004**

**APRS
Demonstration**



The Monthly Club Meeting is Wednesday June 2, 2004. An APRS Demo will be conducted.

****Editor's note: Fayette County EMA Office who is the parent organization of the Fayette County HAZMAT team graciously provides the photocopying of our newsletter in the months that a paper copy is mailed out. They graciously provide the newsletter staff with web space to transfer the newsletter while the newsletter is in the process of being created, as well as provide an e-mail account with distribution abilities to help make the job of the newsletter***

staff a little easier. In recognition of both the achievements of Pat Pallini as well as Fayette County EMA, the bulk of this newsletter consists of pictures from the May 16 open house. Any Radio Club member or area ham wishing a tour of the facility are asked to contact Tony Alviar, KA3VOR at talviar@fcema.org or 724-430-1277



You may find this hard to believe, but for once I am speechless. Pat Pallini





Director Roy Shipley, Jr, cuts the ribbon officially opening the new HAZMAT Building



Charter Members receive white helmets in recognition of leadership and guidance to the Team



Team Members present at the open house, pose for a group photo



THURSDAY NIGHT 147.045 W3PIE 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.?

W3PIE OFFICERS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Tim Soxman W3ZVT	6/7
Bob Vail KB3GES	6/10
Pat Pallini WB3LUC	6/14
Tom Bowlen N3CLA	6/20
Barry Humbert, WC3BH	6/27

VE EXAMS IN THE AREA

08-Jun-2004

Sponsor: TWO RIVERS ARC
Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
Contact: ROBERT L QUINN (412)678-1206,
Email: ROBERTQ27@MSN.COM
Location: MCKEESPORT AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH HALL - ROOM 112 1960 EDEN PARK BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED MC KEESPORT, PA 15134

10-Jun-2004

Sponsor: SALVATION ARMY
Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
Contact: JOSEPH D SCIULLI (412)481-3594
Email: KA3TDQ@AOL.COM
Location: ALLEGHENY COUNTY EMERGENCY CENTER 400 N LEXINGTON ST PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

PITTSBURGH, PA 15208

12-Jun-2004

Sponsor: BREEZE SHOOTERS/ NORTH HILLSARC

Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT W BENNA (412)366-0488

Location: PERRYSVILLE VOL FIRE CO 985 PERRY HWY HANDICAP PLEASE REGISTER PITTSBURGH, PA 15237

17-Jun-2004

Sponsor: FOOTHILLS ARC

Time: (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: CHARLES L MILLS (724)744-0935

Email: W3YNI@ATTBI.COM

Location: CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER 240 ARONA RD CALL FOR TIME PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED NEW STANTON, PA 15672 19-

Jun-2004

Sponsor: SOMERSET COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: STEWART R SAYLOR-PRESIDENT (814)444-0637

Email: PRESIDENT@K3SMT.ORG

Location: JB SCHROCK COMMUNITY PARK BLDG 700 SOUTH ST BERLIN, PA 15530

FEEDBACK,
FOR-SALE, ARTICLES,
ISO, ETC, FOR THE
NEWSLETTER
SEND TO:

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UPCOMING CONTESTS

June 12 - 14 ARRL June VHF QSO Party

For rules goto:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/june-vhf.html>

June 19 Kid's Day

For rules goto:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/kd-rules.html>

June 26 - 27 ARRL Field Day

For rules goto:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/rules-fd-2004.html>

FIELD DAY

Uniontown Amateur Radio Club is interested in reviving UARC's participation in the ARRL's annual Field Day. This event is designed to help amateur radio operators evaluate how prepared they are to communicate.

If you are interested in participating at the club, please contact Mike Kosco, KA3WOI.

REPEATER REPORT

147.045 + Repeater operational, although reduced coverage due to antenna problem. Repairs slated for Sunday June 20

147.255 + is up and running good. (No Phone Patch)

145.170- is up and running good. (No phone patch)

443.750 + Is not operational at this time.

145.090 Packet-Operational

144.390 APRS-Operational

WHITE HOUSE GIVES ARRL DELEGATION ASSURANCES ON BPL INTERFER- ENCE

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, headed an ARRL delegation during a May 20 White House visit to discuss concerns about broadband over power line (BPL). Haynie, ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, and Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, met with Richard Russell, the White House associate director for technology in the Office of Science and Technology Policy. The ARRL officials asked the Bush administration to heed its own experts at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and back away from its support of BPL in favor of less troublesome technologies. The NTIA's Phase 1 BPL study acknowledged BPL as an interference source. Haynie said the meeting was both revealing and encouraging. "He assured us that based on the NTIA report, the interference issues would be addressed," Haynie said. "That was one of our main purposes for being there." Haynie said, however, that he remains "absolutely" convinced that a political agenda is driving the BPL proceeding. Russell told the ARRL contingent that the administration is "very excited" about BPL and is committed to finding ways to make it work. Imlay said the League's problems

were not with broadband access but with the "rush-to-judgment" approach the FCC seems to be taking in the BPL proceeding. As one example, he cited the timing between the release of the extensive NTIA study and the comment deadline on the BPL proceeding just a few days later. The Commission denied requests from the ARRL and others to extend the comment deadline. While somewhat sympathetic, Russell suggested that his office was in less of a position to influence the FCC than it was the NTIA. After Rinaldo presented some of the ARRL's BPL interference test findings, Russell asked the League to provide a breakdown of the BPL systems and providers manifesting both lesser and greater degrees of interference. Rinaldo also told Russell that representatives of the BPL industry have been double-talking their way around interference claims. Imlay pointed out that the FCC has yet to address dozens of BPL-related interference complaints from amateurs. The administration does not want a flawed technology to result from the BPL proceeding, Russell said at the session's conclusion, and he offered assurances to the League visitors that the NTIA would work to address the interference. "We did get listened to," Haynie said afterward. "Did I leave there feeling euphoric? No, I didn't, but at least I have a better feeling now of the overall big picture, of where BPL's coming from, and I hope that I can take to the bank the fact that they're going to address and continue to address aggressively the interference issues." Derek Riker, KB3JLF, of Chwat

& Company, the ARRL's legislative relations consultant, arranged the meeting and accompanied the delegation on the White House visit. The ARRL already has asked the FCC to put its BPL proceeding on hold to allow more thorough research of its interference potential. The League contended in its comments on the February 23 Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket 03-47 that the FCC's "overly aggressive timetable" to proceed with BPL deployment will effectively preclude the development of cooperative interference avoidance and resolution mechanisms.

APRS DEMON- STRATION

Recently UARC placed an APRS digipeater online to facilitate coverage of the APRS system. APRS is used for GPS Positioning reporting over Amateur Radio. Jacob Tennant, K8JWT will be demonstrating the APRS system at the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club on Wednesday, June 2, 2004. If you are unsure of what APRS is, stop in to learn more about the program.

Also, Anyone with a Kenwood TH-D7A radio is asked to bring it. Mike, N3BSQ will be available at this meeting to help anyone that has this radio with any questions or issues.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

PLEASE PRINT

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License Class

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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
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\$5.00 per Family
Member per year

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Full Membership *

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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

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AFFILIATE REPEATER: WB3LUC 145.170- FULL TIME PL OF 131.8

PACKET NODE: W3PIE-1/UARC 145.090

APRS 144.390

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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**

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