



# The **W3PIE LETTER**

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## AUGUST MEETING ATTENDANCE

Hank Duke KE3RS  
David Watson N3QAS  
Carl Chuprinko WA3HQK  
Bert Sesler WA3WAW  
Valerie Sesler N3YSX  
Chuck French KC3YR  
Leonard Barron WA3EGS  
Slim McDonald WA3MJL  
Tom McDermott WB3BVZ  
Tim Soxman W3ZVT  
Buck Griffith KB3GPF  
Earl Zugar W3WVE  
George Syner WA3OGQ  
Mike Kosco KA3WOI  
Tony Alviar KA3VOR  
Butch Blair KB3GPD  
Don Moser WA3DHH  
Paul Renninger K3ECZ  
Anthony Pyzdrowski N3JZN  
3 **Guest:** Jerry Griglak KB3AQK  
Wade Wholer  
"Champ" Club Mascot



## YEAR 2001 W3PIE PICNIC AUGUST 26TH

The annual W3PIE picnic, took place at the Wharton Township Recreational Park on Route 381 in Farmington. **You didn't need to be a member to enjoy the fun.** The picnic scheduled to take place on Sunday August 26th turned out to be a great time for all who participated. Pat Pallini, WB3LUC had been making preparations for this years event and has outdone himself once again. This year with the help of Paul & Scott Button, KB3DLT & KF3CP, and some of their friends, They then launched a weather balloon up into the atmosphere while tracking it from the picnic grounds **All Amateurs were welcome to join in the fun.**

*David Watson – N3QAS*



## **Next Club Meeting is Wednesday, September 5th**

## NEW MEMBERS AS A DONATION

**In memory of Mr. Virgil Grilli, W3CDU** an Associate Membership in the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club has been donated to the following Amateur Radio operators by Charleen Dera, KA3RXY:

**Eugene Boyd WA3IOU**

**Mark Haywood N3IQS**

**Judy Portman KB3CYA**

**In memory of his Mother** an Associate Membership in the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club has been donated to: **Frank Podroskey, W3NUS** By Charleen Dera, KA3RXY. And lastly, a gift membership for **Grant Curry Stitt KB3FLS** for surviving rehabilitation at Mon Valley Hospital donated by Charleen Dera, KA3RXY

Thank you Charleen..!!

**The Monthly Club Meeting is Wednesday September 5th 2001**

**Sam Call CD now @ the Club**

# SEPTEMBER HAMFESTS

Uniontown ARC  
**September 1st 2001**  
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Eastern Pennsylvania ARA &  
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Findlay ARC  
<http://www.bright.net/~kanga/w8ft/hamfest.html>  
**September 9th 2001**  
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Western Pennsylvania Section  
Convention  
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<http://www.qsl.net/w3udx/>  
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Delaware-Lehigh ARC  
<http://www.dlarc.org>  
**September 15th, 2001**  
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## SEPTEMBER 1st 2001 W3PIE GABFEST

*On Saturday September 1st our annual Hamfest/Gabfest is scheduled to take place on the W3PIE Club grounds. If you have never attended one of these events before, you have no idea what you are missing. Unlike other Hamfests this one is by far one of the most unique. If you noticed the word Gabfest included in the title, this is significant because that's just what it turns out to be, a Gabfest. If you are a newer Amateur Radio operator this should be a must for you to attend. The reason for this is so you can meet some of the old farts that have been in this great hobby for centuries. If you are one of the old farts you have to come and examine what some of the newer Amateurs views are on the hobby to come. W3PIE, in the past considered doing away with this event because of the cost ineffectiveness and the work involved to make it a success. The feedback was enormous telling us that it would be a catastrophe if we discontinued this event. So we at W3PIE keep the tradition going from year to year so as promote the gathering of friends and friends to be. Not being very profitable for the club to maintain this event, we have and will continue this Gabfest for as long as I am associated with W3PIE. So please try to attend this event of a lifetime so in future years to come, you can say,*

*“Yeah, I have been to one of the W3PIE Gabfests”.*

*David G Watson N3QAS*

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York Hamfest Foundation  
http://yorkhamfest.org  
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Phone: 717-764-8193  
Email: w3sst@yorkhamfest.org

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Hamfest Association of Cleveland  
http://www.hac.org  
**September 23rd, 2001**  
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## W3PIE REPEATER INFO

The Club would like to at this time report that the ACC Controller for the 147.045 Repeater has officially been pronounced Dead. The lightening strike from June has caused unreparable damage to the controller. The damages have affected the Speed Dial Memories, phone patch and other portions of the controller. A replacement is in the works. Until then, directions for the phone patch can be found later in the newsletter, to help you out should you need the phone patch till Repairs are made.

Also, the .255 repeater is temporarily offline with a minor problem. Repairs will be made as quickly as possible.

## 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*

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## 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. **Hazel Pallini WB3LUD** the wife of Pat Pallini WB3LUC, is recovering from hip replacement surgery due to a fall she had while at her residence. **Please get well soon Kirk and Hazel..**

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

### SEND TO:

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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John Martinelli N3RNU 9/4  
Joyce Churprinko KA3CUT 9/7  
Chuck Mills W3YNI 9/7  
Larry Papincak KA3VGE 9/11  
Alex Tinker W3ICX 9/14  
James Hertok K3JH 9/16  
Gary Sherman KC3XD 9/25

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## WORK CREWS FOR UPCOMING HAMFEST

With the Gabfest coming very soon, I would like to thank all the members who come out to help us get the property in shape for the Gabfest on the Saturday August 18th. We cleaned the inside of the radio club, cut weeds, grass, power sprayed the buildings, picnic tables and even the outhouse. The place looks great!

**Special thanks go out to:**

Butch Blair KB3GPD  
Tim Soxman W3ZVT  
Dan Hair KB3GEU  
Joyce Chuprinko KA3CUT  
Carl Chuprinko WA3HQK  
George Syner WA3OGQ  
Pat Pallini WB3LUC  
David Watson N3QAS  
Tina Martin WZ3Z  
Shaun Martin, Tina's son



# COLLECTORS CORNER

By Tim Soxman W3ZVT

## The Autronic Paddles

Ham Key keys were produced in the 70s by Ham Radio Center Inc of St Louis Mo. The keys were copies of the Brown Brothers keys of the same period. There were four keys in the series and an electronic keyer. The keys were:

- ◆ HK-1 an iambic key
- ◆ HK-2 the same key without a base (to be built into an electronic keyer)
- ◆ HK-3 a straight key
- ◆ HK-4 An HK-1 and HK-3 on a common base.
- ◆ HK-5 An electronic keyer using the Curtis chip.

MFJ manufactured exactly the same electronic keyer, even using the same Ten Tec enclosure and called it the MFJ-9043 IC. The HK-1, HK-3 and HK-4 all had red and black plastic screw down connectors on the rear of the keys. All the keys had glue on paper strips for identification but over a period of time and wear the strips have disappeared. These strips usually sat between the key and the red and black connectors on the rear.

Ham Key keys are not as collectable as the Brown Brothers keys and it's easier to find the Ham Keys at a decent price at area hamfests.



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# Uniontown Amateur Radio Club

## 52nd Annual Hamfest

# Saturday, September 1, 2001



**The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club will conduct the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual GABFEST on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend on Saturday, September 1, 2001!**

The gates open around 8:00 AM with vendors welcome at any time prior to 8:00 AM!

The GABFEST will be held at the Radio Club Grounds located on Old Pittsburgh Road just off RT 51 and US RT 119 in Uniontown, PA

**Talk in will be provided on 147.045 + and 147.255 +. Just call for W3PIE Gabfest Talk-In. This talk-in is provided for directions and Gabfest information. No check in is needed if you know how to get here!**

As always, free parking is available!  
Refreshments available!  
Free Swap-N-Shop Set-up with registration!

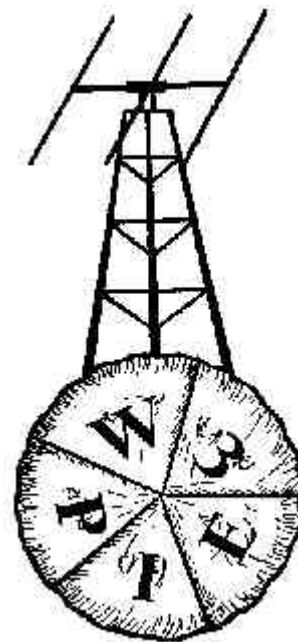
### Door Prizes!!

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Yaesu FT1500M 2M Mobile Radio
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Yaesu VX1R 2M/440 Hand Held Radio
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Yaesu VX1R 2M/440 Hand Held Radio

*Additional Prizes to be announced the day of the GABFEST!*

Contact Carl Chuprinko, WA3HQK at 304-594-3779 or Tony Alviar, 724-430-1277 (M-F 8-4) if more information is needed. Also, Information is available anytime on 147.045 +

**Look forward to seeing everyone this year!**



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