

July, 2013

Kilowatt Harmonics



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Ye Olde Editor Says

I, along with the XYL, was in attendance at the Breezeshooters picnic. Pictures appear later in this issue of the newsletter. SCARCers in attendance aside from me and the XYL were N3SBF, KB3GMN and WB3AGB. A good time was had by all.

The local amateur radio community lost a really good friend recently, Paul Pinyot, KB3LZP, from Penn Hills. He was a Skyview member and was expert at restoring tube radios. He gave the club a presentation on that very subject last summer. We miss you OM! ... -.- . I will have a tribute to him in this issue.

Our special event station will go on the air on Saturday, October 19th. More details in this issue.

Minutes of the July Business Meeting

Meeting started at 8 PM by President N3SBF followed by a Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence for our Silent Keys, a Roll Call consisting of 27 members and 3 visitors. The minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Treasurers report was given by KA3YNO and accepted by the membership.

Committee Reports

Clubhouse KB3YYE admonished that there was too much garbage found in and around the clubhouse. He also cut the grass.

Technical WA3BKD has bids to cut down trees and clear brush; approved. Tables for the VHF room; approved. 2 meter repeater antenna; approved. A 6 element 6 M antenna but may be covered by W3SVJ. The 6 and 2 M antennas will be pole mounted. Additional funds will be required for coax, connectors and hardware. Installation is scheduled for August by a professional. A triband HF antenna will be tower mounted after the tower is painted.

Membership KA3VHT gave the 2ed reading for prospective member Jack KC3APT.

Ways and Means WA3FWA will collect any outgoing QSL cards, have a 50/50 raffle after the meeting, auction the club's old Win Vista PC and displayed a certificate for W3KWH's participation in the Virginia QSO party.

Contest AD3Q reported that the August QSO Parties will be for Ohio and Maryland-DC.

Newsletter NU3Q emailed the July newsletter and will produce the August edition early in the month. He has a sympathy card for the members to sign for the deceased mother of AA3EE.

Volunteer Exams AD3Q had 1 general, 1 tech and 1 extra pass this month and the next session will be held Oct. 2.

Public Service KA3JKS gave a Skywarn report. N3EQP stated that the upcoming Vintage Grand Prix will need more ham radio volunteers.

PC K5BPC pronounced the repeater back up batteries as shot. We should have 4 batteries for the repeater and 1 for echolink. Funds were approved for batteries and necessary charging and wiring accessories. A generator system would be too expensive and labor intensive.

Field Day AD3Q reported that SCARC made 2434 points for their contacts.

Corn Roast N3SBF declared it would be held on Sun. Sept. 1.

Old Business NU3Q stated that the Allegheny County Anniversary will be Sept.15 which is too late for notification of a Special Event operation in QST. The SE station may be changed to Oct. 19. No news from Lattamus about the towers and repeater arrangement. WA3VXJ will get a bid from Lattamus about paying him to move repeater and erect tower and antennas.

New Business KB3VHT will explore an external audit of SCARC. N3SBF stated that we should have more than 1 person doing any work at the club, especially tower projects. W3SVJ was reimbursed for propane tank shed work.

Adjourn AD3Q

50/50 raffle won by KA3VHT

Auction Vista PC bid by KD3GM

Minutes submitted by WA3FWA

Tribute to KB3LZP



Pinyot, Paul 54 Penn Hills

Paul Pinyot, 54, of Penn Hills, died Monday, July 29, 2013. He was the beloved husband of Cindy Pinyot; loving father of Matthew; son of Edward and the late Adrija Pinyot; and brother of Claire Pinyot, Patricia O'Donnell and Lorraine McKee. Paul was a Penn State graduate, an electrical engineer and was a ham radio operator.

I first met Paul in 2006 after getting my ticket. I was in need of an expert to look at my first rig, a Tempo One. He patiently took me under his wing and explained the "ins and outs" of restoring old tube transceivers. He took the time to explain how circuits worked, which helped me immensely on the theory questions with the General and Extra exams regarding oscillators. His explanations made perfectly clear sense to me, a newcomer to the hobby. He gave me a tour of his home workshop, which really impressed me! Paul was a very kind and patient man and was the kind of person who would give you the shirt off his back. We will miss you OM! ... -.- Vy 73 de NU3Q.

Western PA ARES HF digital training net

The Western Pennsylvania ARES HF digital training net will alternate with our existing VHF/UHF net with the following schedule:

- 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 8PM: 147.195 (PL 131.8) and 443.45 (PL 100) repeaters in New Castle and Pittsburgh and the W3YJ-R Echolink node.
- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 8PM: 3.583 MHz with a waterfall center frequency of 1500 Hz. Initial mode will be 8/500 Olivia. We may switch to MT63-500 or MT63-1000 for bulletins depending upon conditions and length of bulletins. Once we're comfortable with operating an HF net and master the basics we will start experimenting with the new high-speed modes and Flamp.
- 5th Sunday of the month (our Blue Moon scenario): haven't decided yet.

I will be monitoring the 147.195/443.45 repeaters and the W3YJ-R Echolink node during the HF net, so if you have problems or need assistance you can give me a call. I will publish the HF net procedures sometime before the first net, but it will not be very different from any other HF net. I see no reason to reinvent the wheel.

We want our focus to be on Western Pennsylvania and we don't want to be overwhelmed, so we will not be accepting check-ins from out-of-state on our HF net. We will accept check-ins from Eastern PA, but we won't go out of our way to encourage EPA participation.

If you check into the HF net, please prepare in advance a message to transmit during the net. We want this to be a net where we all practice sending traffic not just learn how to check in. I find "check in" nets where the primary activity consists of checking in to be boring and not very useful as a training exercise.

Please join the WPAARES-DIGITAL Yahoo group if you're interested in these nets. Also feel free to email me with any questions.

73,

Harry Bloomberg W3YJ

Assistant SEC, Western PA ARES

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Special Event Station

When: Saturday, October 19th from 10 AM to 5 PM

Where: At the clubhouse

Call: W3C

Frequencies: 14.260, 7.260 (+/- for conditions), 147.03 and Echolink Node 14703 (W3KWH)

Purpose: To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Allegheny County Courthouse

I will need ops to help out...if you are interested, please let me know. Thanks! NU3Q

Breezeshooters Picnic Pictures









"It's 76 degrees here in the sunny South"



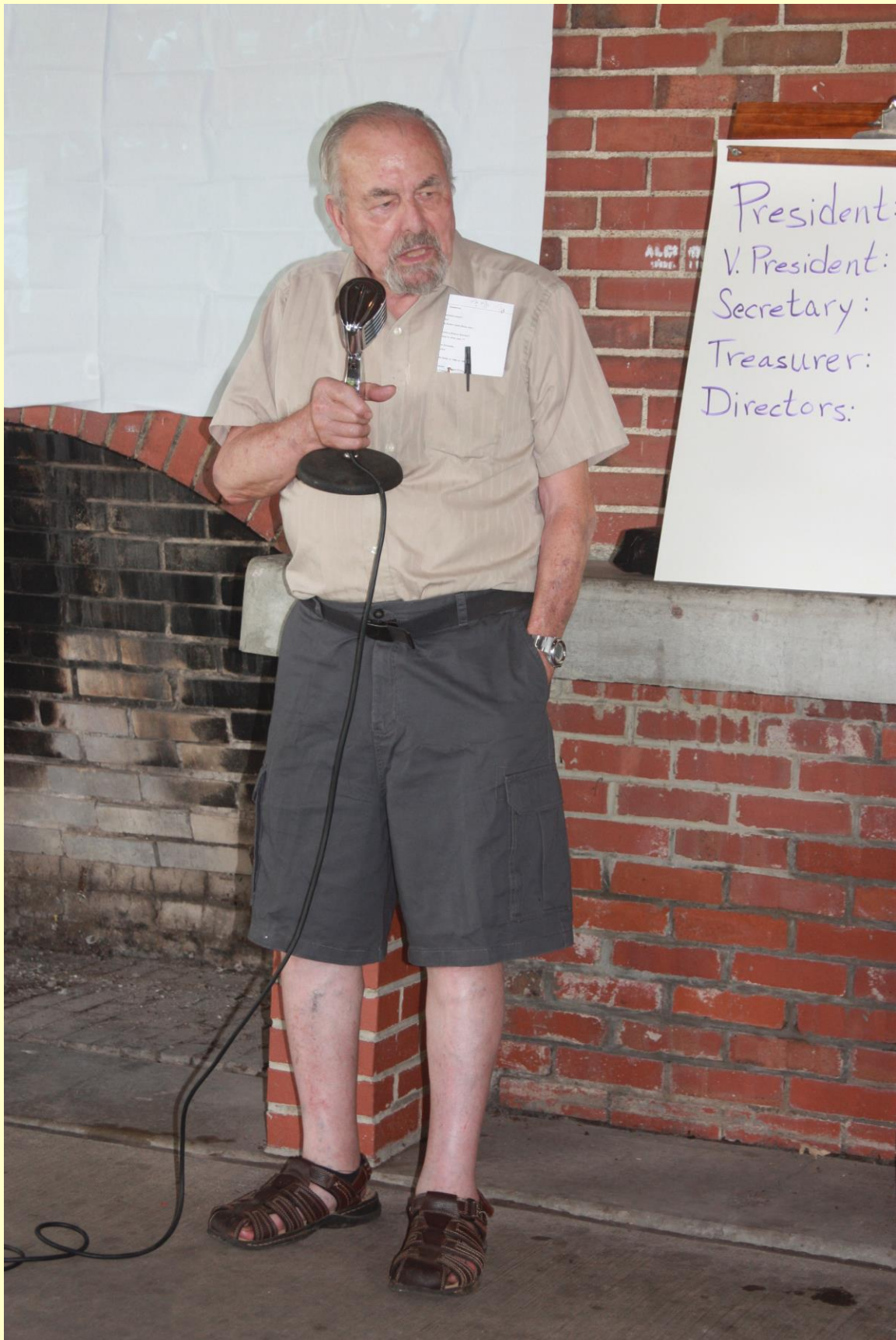




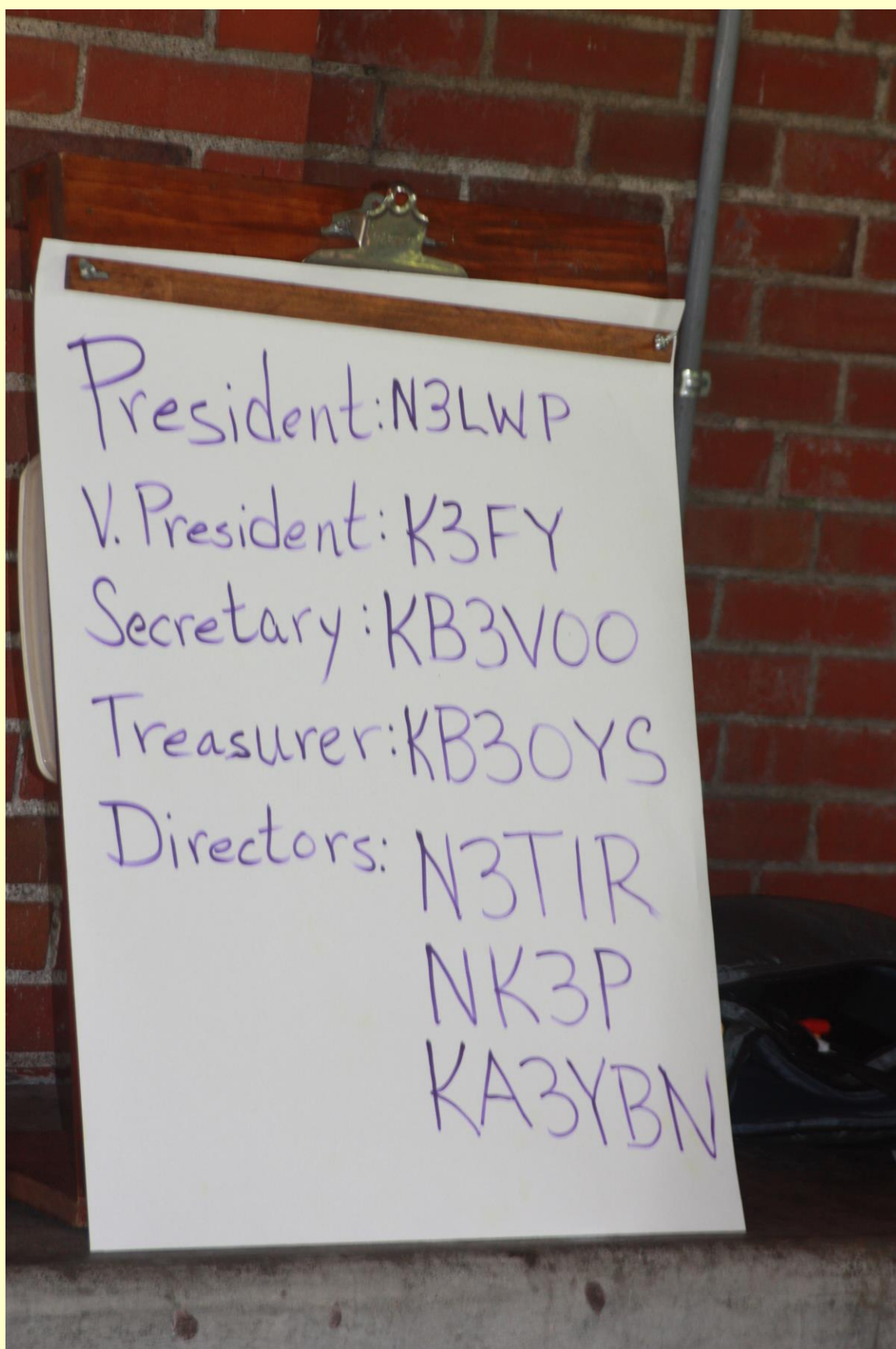
















SWAP & SHOP 2013

SUNDAY AUGUST 25

2335 TURKEY RIDGE RD. UPPER BURRELL TWP. 15068

TIME: 8 AM-1 PM

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 MFJ Antenna Analyzer	Peet Brother WX Station 	 "Adventurer KEY" Fits Portables Just Introduced Signed by Piero and Bruna Begali	
Autech Research SWR Power Meter 	Black Boxes 50/50 ARRL Gift Certificates	Door Prizes Every Hour-  	 Breakfast Skyview Burger Dipole Dog

\$3.00 Entrance ----\$5.00 / FLEA MARKET SPACE



****BUY – SELL – TRADE****

ARRL WPA SECTION CONVENTION WPA ARES MEETING

ARRL HQ Speakers

DIRECTIONS TO SKYVIEW RADIO SOCIETY

TALK-IN: 146.640 - pl 131.8
GPS=40° 31' 03" N / 79° 40' 37" W



Follow the Skyview Signs



From PA 380 PA 366 Cloverleaf – Take Rt 366 West toward New Kensington for 1 mile to **WHITTEN HOLLOW ROAD** on right. Take Whitten Hollow to right turn onto Turkey Ridge at stop sign. Follow ¾ mile to Skyview.

FROM NEW KENSINGTON – Take Rt 366 East 8.5 mi. to **WHITTEN HOLLOW ROAD** on left. Take Whitten Hollow to right turn onto Turkey Ridge at stop sign. Follow ¾ mile to Skyview.

Questions and Vendor Pre- registration: AB3ER@ARRL.NET

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64th Annual
GABFEST

Saturday, August 31,
2013

(LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

8:00 A.M. ----- 1:00 P.M.

The **GABFEST** will be held at the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club grounds located on Old Pittsburgh Road just off Rt. 51 and US Rt. 119 in Uniontown, PA.

Gates will open at 8:00 A.M. with vendors welcome at any time prior to 8:00 A.M.!

Talk in provided on 147.045 (PL-131.8). Call 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! Of course, that **world famous W3PIE breakfast** will be available as well as other fine refreshments!

P R I Z E L I S T

1st . . . MFJ-259B Antenna Analyzer HF/VHF

2nd . . . Astron RS-35A 35 Amp Power Supply

3rd . . . Yaesu FT-1900 2 Meter 55 W Transceiver

PLUS OTHER HOURLY PRIZES & 50/50 DRAWING

Top three prizes & 50/50 awarded beginning at 12:30 P.M.

Winners need not be present for the top three prizes!!

(Top three prizes are subject to change due to availability or conditions beyond our control.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Kosco, (KA3WOI) (724) 437-9815; or George Syner (WA3OGQ) (724) 439-1554

Information may also be obtained from any net operator on the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club's net held every Thursday evening at 9:00 P.M. on 147.045.

W3PHE Hosted For 2013

Hamfest & Convention Application

Butler SwapFest

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/08/2013

Start Date: 09/08/2013

End Date: 09/08/2013

Location: Unionville Fire Department

102 Mahood Road

Butler, PA 16001

Website: <http://www.w3udx.org>

Sponsor: Butler County Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.36/.96 (PL 131.8)

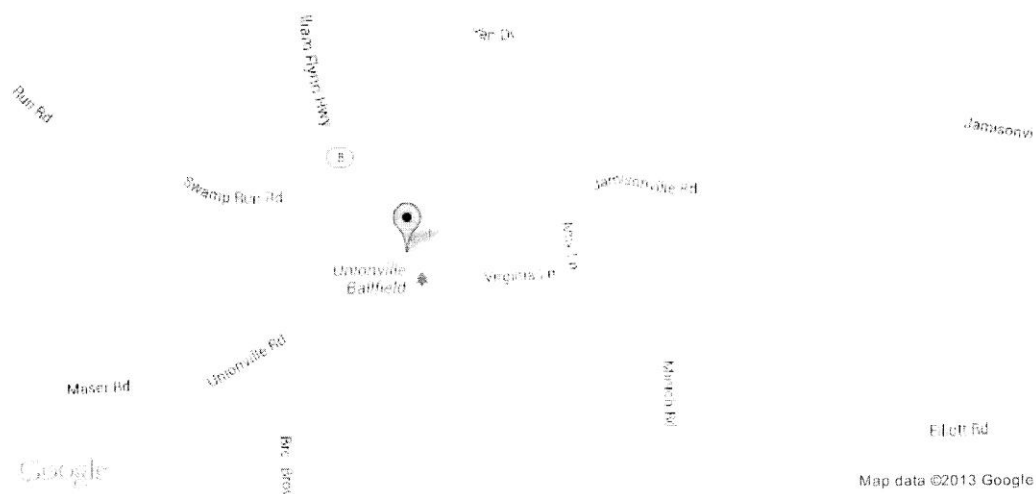
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Locations



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70cm Repeater: 444.450/449.450MHz (103.5 hertz PL tone)

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