



# The Parasitic Emission



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Happy Thanksgiving!

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## NOVICE NIGHT by Art Kunst, W3WM

Club president Joe Shupienis WA3IHK came up with a great suggestion for a club program devoted to the new entrants to ham radio. So we decided to call it NOVICE NIGHT and honor all the graduates of the several club training classes in the past year, and also the current crop of would be novices in the present class now in session. We will invite all these past year graduates to join us in ham radio fellowship. The new would be novices can achieve some measure of inspiration from the novices who have succeeded. And what about the OTs (Old Timers)? Well, they will have chance to eye-ball with the Young Squirts (anybody just licensed) and encourage them with advice and friendship. Perhaps, some solid Elmer type ham radio friendship will start between OTs and Young Squirts.

At our meeting we will begin the program with video cassette from the League titled Moving Up in Amateur Radio. Then we will compose a Novice Roundtable of those Novices present, to tell us about their experiences to date as radio hams. We will be focusing on getting on the air, equipment problems, operating experiences, triumphs, and frustrations.

Last we will ask our OTs to tell us about the Elmers in their background who have been responsible for their entry into ham radio. We should hear some fascinating stories from our OTs.

It appears that a good program will be enjoyed provided we have a good turnout of Novices, OTs, and members in general. Please mark your calendar, bring your XYL or YL, bring a friend, and be ready for a fun night at QCARC meeting Friday November 15 at the DuBois Senior High School.

Looking back at last month's program by Ev Boden title "It Ain't Easy". Ev showed how easy it is to put together a program using his new video camera. Great color and sound! FB job, Ev!

Now looking forward to December's program which will be on Antennae. We have had many requests for this subject and it is our good fortune to have a read hands-on expert to join us with great slides of all kinds of antennae. I have seen him in action and he is tops! You won't be disappointed with the WPa Section Technical Coordinator, Tim--K3LR from Sharon, Pa. This might be our best technical program in a long time--mostly practise and light on theory.

AMATEUR EXAMS  
NOV. 23, 1985

Once again the Quad County Amateur Radio Club VE Team will offer examinations for all class amateur licenses. The exams will be given at the DuBois Area Senior High School on Saturday, November 23, 1985 and are open to all.

ALL EXAMS WILL BE ON A WALK-IN BASIS. We will try to have more than enough exams on hand so no one is disappointed. FCC 610's will also be available at the exam room. YOU MUST BRING WITH YOU: the ORIGINAL of your ham license, a COPY of your ham license to send in with the 610, and a \$4.00 check payable to ARRL/VEC. These items are required by the FCC and you cannot take a test without them. Also bring any code credit certificates you have if you wish to receive credit for a previous code test.

### TEST SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	20 wpm code test
10:00 AM	13 wpm code test
11:00 AM	5 wpm code test

If you need a code test, show up at the time for the highest speed you need. If you don't need any code test (e.g. general upgrading to advanced), show up anytime before 1 PM. Good luck and see you at the exams.



## NOW ACCEPTING QCARC DUES

New Years is less than two months away and so is the end of your QCARC membership. Dues for 1986 are \$10.00 for Full Membership and \$7.00 for Associate Membership. You may pay your dues in person at any QCARC meeting or mail your dues to:

Quad County Amateur Radio Club  
PO Box 352  
DuBois, PA 15801

Seven dollars of your dues goes for newsletter publishing costs. We cannot afford to send newsletters out to people who do not renew their membership on time even though we have done so in the past. Some of you don't get around to renewing until February or March of each year. That's OK but don't look for the January newsletter if you don't renew before it's mailed out.

The QCARC needs all its members and more! It needs you for a member. Don't miss an issue of your radio club newsletter. Don't delay. Renew today!

### QCARC

HELP KEEP THE .39 REPEATER ON THE  
AIR

by Paul Silinsky, K3PS

I hope that once again during 1985 you found that the 99/39 repeater was a valuable part of your ham radio life. Each year about this time, I put short notices in this newsletter and make announcements on the Sunday night net that repeater dues are being accepted. It's time for that again.

Without your support and the support of at least 34 more of your fellow hams each year, the repeater bills could not be paid and the repeater would not be on the air for your enjoyment. The repeater expenses run about \$350.00 per year. That's just electricity and the site lease from the state. All other expenses for repairs, maintenance, and upgrading come from the pockets of a very few who have been staunch supporters for many years.

This year is particularly important. In March, 1986 we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the first repeater in the Quad County area (how time flies!!). Our repeater has changed sites sometimes and has even been known to change frequency. But ten years later, it's still our repeater and it's still on the air.

We ask that you contribute \$10.00 towards the repeater operation for 1986. A larger contribution is certainly welcome! The dues have never been mandatory but the decision is left to your conscience. If you use the repeater, enjoy it, and feel that you would like to support it, please do so! Send dues to:

Quad County FM Association  
PO Box 352  
DuBois, PA 15801

### QCARC

The Thanksgiving Ham  
by Wassil Slotnick, K3X

It's the day of Thanksgiving  
And from the cellar stair  
Not a dit nor a dah  
Can be heard on the air.

The Kenwood is off  
And the Heath is at rest.  
The TA-33  
Is turned facing the west.

This is the day  
To think of other things,  
To forget ham radio  
And the joy that it brings.

The table is set  
Prepared for the feast.  
The aromas of cooking  
Are overpowering, at least.

The family is seated,  
The food is put out.  
The prayers are said,  
That's what it's about.

The roaster's uncovered  
To reveal candied yams.  
And peeking out from beneath  
Is the Thanksgiving Ham??

Just when we thought  
That all was in hand,  
We think of the ham  
And the call of DX-land.

We jump from the table,  
DX calls us, you see.  
Thanksgiving is ended  
With a call to Turkey!