



# The Parasitic Emission



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Happy Vacation!

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## Picnic Notice

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

Notwithstanding the discussion at the last meeting, the date for the picnic will be:

**Sunday, September 7**

at WA3GMT's QTH, south of Reynoldsville on route PA-310. See you there!

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## Meeting Notice

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

The August meeting of the Quad County Amateur Radio Club will be held on Friday, August 15 at the DuBois Senior High School. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The program will be on Packet Radio, and will be presented by our own WA3UFN and K3PS. Refreshments will be provided. Plan on attending.

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## At Last! The PACKET RADIO Program

by Paul Silinsky, K3PS

The program for the August QCARC meeting will be on packet radio presented by K3PS and WA3UFN. A 30 minute video tape on packet radio by the Tuscon Amateur Packet Radio group (the folks who started this whole thing) will be first in the program.

Following will be a packet demonstration over real paths, not just across the room (Murphy permitting). As packet now stands in this area, reliable access to bulletin board systems in Washington PA, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, and Wilkes-Barre is possible as well as real time QSO's with other hams in those areas and in between.

Come and see what is going on today, locally in packet radio during the second QCARC packet radio program.

## Minutes of the July Meeting

by Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

The regular meeting of the Quad County Amateur Radio Club was called to order July 18, 1986, by Pres. WA3IHK.

WA3IHK informed the members of the recent death of K3TFL and called for a moment of silence in his memory.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER REPORT- None available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- WA3IHK reported that the latest newsletter was reprinted so as to include the announcement of K3TFL's death. He also reported that there has been interest in a novice class, this will possibly begin in September, there will be further information in the newsletter. WA3UFN posed a question to the members as to find out if there is enough interest in a N.W.S. Sky Warn program. A member asked the newsletter committee representative if the newsletter could be mailed out sooner. WA3IHK commented that there have been many late submissions for the newsletter and that is one of the reasons for the late mailings. Several members commented that there is a deadline for the submission of articles, and questioned why there was a problem. The members felt that since there is a deadline it should be strictly adhered to and that there should be no exceptions to the rule unless there is a very good reason. WA3IHK stated that with strict adherence to the deadline, the newsletter should be out much sooner.

OLD BUSINESS- WA3UFN reported on the reason for the club not purchasing vinyl tarps. He also reported on information that was received from Bob Myers about the amendment to the Vehicle Code.

NEW BUSINESS- WA3IHK commented that flowers were sent to the funeral home for K3TFL's funeral. A question if there was going to be a club picnic this year was raised. After some discussion it was decided that the club picnic would be August 24. The rain date would be August 31. The picnic will be held at the field

day site if ok'ed by WA3GMT. K3WVR reported on information that he received from Jim Distler about the amendment to the Vehicle Code. There was considerable discussion about the club participating in the Tom Mix festival. A comment was made that this same subject has been brought up for discussion the last several years. The same lack of interest prevails and we should table the idea until we have enough interested members. There was some discussion about the placement of amateur radio related books in libraries in memory of deceased hams. A motion by WB3IQE seconded by KA3MKY, was made to place a book in the Du Bois Jr. High School library in memory of K3TFL, carried. With no further business for the meeting, the members adjourned for a video tape on fiber optics.

ATTENDANCE- (10) WA3IHK, WA3UFN, W3WM, KA3DWR, KA3FHV, WA3GNS, KA3MKY, NA3Y, WB3IQE, K3WVR

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In Memoriam - Jim Albert, K3TFL  
by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

As reported in last month's Parasitic Emission, Jim Albert, K3TFL passed away suddenly on July 17. Jim had been a very active ham radio enthusiast for over twenty years, and is best remembered by many for being the Elmer to literally scores of local hams.

Jim was a teacher, having taught at the DuBois Junior High School and Jeff Tech, as well as working at Penn State's Vocational Education Department. He carried his enthusiasm for teaching into amateur radio as well, having taught many, many classes for novice licenses. He provided advice and assistance for the newly licensed, and served as a mentor for the more experienced hams. Never in all his years of hamming did he lose sight of the main objective of the hobby - having fun.

Jim was an innovator, having the first station in DuBois to operate on single sideband, 2 meter FM, and other special modes. He was always involved in projects, experimenting with the latest form of communications technology. When the local hams decided to put up a VHF repeater, Jim was at the forefront, providing equipment, towers, transportation, refreshments, enthusiasm, time, effort and money. He spearheaded the effort to find a site for the repeater, and came up with the VHF site in Clear Run, where the repeater was first located, the club had several field days, and lately the VHF contest team carried out operations.

When the time came for a local ham radio

club, Jim was the first in the door for the initial meeting. He gave of himself in the form of a cartoon feature in the early issues of the newsletter: Clem and Orville, two hillbilly hams who almost but not quite got on the air while having narrow escapes from the local constabulary - who mistakenly thought a "homebrew rig" was a moonshine still! Jim also provided illustrations for many newsletters, and in fact, you can see his handiwork in this issue - the club emblem was drawn by Jim.

Jim was an avid hamfest visitor, attending many hamfests each year, and providing transportation for many local hams. Once at the Dayton Hamfest, he caused quite a stir after the banquet by posing with the rest of our local hams for a photo. With his resemblance to Pernel Roberts ("Trapper John" of TV fame), and the group photo session in progress, many fingers were pointed and cameras readied. How many of you reading this would have never attended a hamfest if Jim hadn't encouraged you?

Jim was never afraid to try a new idea. One time he put together a vertical long-wire antenna that caused quite a stir for the US Air Force. I'm still not sure if it's safe to publish the details! His pioneering work with ARC-5 surplus radios is legend. I remember a hamfest acquisition of his - a GE two meter FM handy-talkie - being instrumental in having an informal meeting of local hams abruptly terminated and transferred to other premises. My earliest recollections of Jim as a ham radio operator are of his little gray Volkswagen with a six meter halo antenna. Jim told me of the great DX he worked with it - California, Japan and other exotic locations. Mobile antennas must have been a specialty. I remember a contraption involving a Hustler HF antenna and a two meter ground plane which confused the poor truck drivers on the road to State College - they called him the "mobile base".

In all respects, Jim was a leader. There would not be a Quad County Amateur Radio Club but for his advice and encouragement. Throughout the years he was licensed, something very wonderful was going on - a high level of interest and activity. Jim participated - in fact he organized ham radio activities for years. We all participated and had fun because he provided the opportunity. His house was a mecca for hams interested in the latest technology. How many evenings were spent in the search for elusive DX with QRP rigs, and new antenna designs developed in the dim corners of his study? Jim will surely be missed, but he lives on in the best spirit of ham radio - to dream and learn and participate, and above all, to enjoy the hobby and the friends it brings. This is his legacy - his final lesson to all of us.

### Sky Warn

by Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

Since there is an official service that amateur radio participates in for severe weather, I will be asking the NWS as to when a program could be started in our area, if there could be a program at a club meeting, how many are requested for a training program, etc. Since there are a fair number of stations that show up on the repeater during severe weather I think that more of the area amateurs should receive the actual training for this service. I will pass along further information as I find out the details.

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### CQ YL

by Shelly Cretti, KA3MYQ

Last year during a casual QSO, I worked W2QHH, Howy Bradley. From Howy's standpoint, however, the QSO went from "casual" to "not so casual" when he discovered I was a YL. For explanation's sake, W2QHH is an avid YL hunter/contester, who holds the record for the world's first WAC/YL, WAS/YL, and DXCC/YL, and is now in pursuit of a 3550 sticker for his YLCC certificate. I could not resist in helping this real "girl watcher". After all, what man would have so much patience with all of those women?

Perhaps, like Howy and me, you may be interested in knowing wh YLCC certificate. I could not reat they're up to. There are several sure-fire ways to find a YL:

1. During YL ACTIVITY DAYS, which is held on the 6th day of each month, you may find a YL at any frequencies ending in 33 for a CW QSO or at any frequencies ending in 88 for a PHONE QSO.

2. As listed in the YLRL DIRECTORY, you may hear a YL on any of these popular nets:

DAY/TIME	FREQ.	NAME OF NET
Daily	1600	14.332 YLISSB
	1600	14.336 County Hunter
	1700	7.261 SPARCYL
MON	0100	3.835 CQties
	1300	3.950 Buckeyes
	1300	7.260 Shirts/Skirts
TUES	0030	7.275 YLISSB
	0030	3.961 SPARCYL
	1800	14.295 QCWW
WED	0000	3.972 Buckeyes
	0030	7.275 YLISSB
	1800	14.288 Open House

THUR	0100	3.835	CQties
	0100	3.926	YLISSB
	1800	14.295	Tangle Net
FRI	0030	7.275	YLISSB
	1400	7.270	Midwest YL
SAT	0300	14.332	YLISSB
	1400	3.910	Hawk Roost
SUN	0030	7.275	YLISSB
	1430	3.990	West Pennies

NOTE: After writing this article W2QHH, Howy Bradley, was featured in the July 1986 issue of QST on page 57. He truly is a super ham, who just happens to take a special interest in YL's.

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### EMERGENCY SERVICES

by Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

Last year (you remember - it isn't all that long ago), I heard a lot of chatter about how we need to get the ball rolling towards a better ARES group. Several months ago I participated in a table-top drill at the EOC in Clearfield and wrote an article in this newsletter about the importance of hams registering with their county ECs. To date I really don't know if anyone has taken the time to do this. I have not received any registration forms from a single person! What prompted me to hit on this topic again is that I just received a copy of the Ohio emergency plan. A great deal of work went into this plan/resource file. The big thing that made this plan a reality is the serious participation of the hams throughout the state. I saw a great number of names in that plan, but this is not to say that every ham in Ohio has registered with thier local EC.

This part of Pennsylvania is not blessed with many hams, therefore we have to make due with a few when an emeergency arises. What I am afraid of is there will be too few, and all the boasting of how ham radio is the greatest will be of no use! Several things that you can do on your own are: copy some traffic once in a while, even if it isn't for you; know the capabilities of yourself and your equipment from a given QTH; register you capabilities with your county EC.

A big thing to remember is that all the counties need to work together. As the counties work among themselves, so must the sections. Severe weather knows no bounds, as we all know from last year's tornado. Without a solid foundation to work from, we will not be able to provide a valuble public service when we are needed.

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Shorts

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

The 29th annual Pennsylvania QSO Party, sponsored by the Nittany Amateur Radio Club, will be October 11-12, this year. Logs, dupe sheets and operating rules are available from N.A.R.C., in St. College. An SASE will probably be appreciated. -WA3UFN

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The **Warren (Ohio) Hamfest** will be held on **Sunday, August 17** at the Trumbull Campus of the Kent State University. A carpool/convoy will leave the DuBois Dutch Pantry parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Don't miss the largest "near-by" hamfest of the season!

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Congratulations to **Randy Wolfgang, KA3OJL** of Summerville who recently received his pilot's license. Happy flying, Randy!

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Don't forget the **QCARC Annual Picnic** to be held **Sunday, September 7** at Ed Golla's (WA3GMT) QTH. The club will provide the food and soft drinks. Bring the family, and meet some old friends.

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Hello to **Jon Siverling, WB3ERA** who is visiting the QCARC area after a trip to California and before returning to Florida. Jon works for Uncle Sam as an Army Captain, commanding a company at MacDill AFB. The lucky guy gets to play with all the latest communications gadgets - and he calls it "work"!

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School will be starting soon. We apologize for any discomfort that statement may have caused. However, **Code Class Instructors** are needed for teaching Novice Code & Theory classes in your town. Contact WA3IHK at 371-3725 if you are interested.

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**Election Notice** - Elections for all QCARC Officers will be held at the October 17th meeting. Nominations will be accepted at the September meeting.



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