



# The Parasitic Emission



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## Meeting Notice

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

The November meeting of the Quad County Amateur Radio Club will be held on Friday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the DuBois Area Senior High School, Division Street and Orient Avenue in DuBois. Plan on attending.

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## Future Meeting Notices

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

The Club meets (and always has met - and probably always will meet) on the **THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**. For those of you who can't (or won't) remember this or understand this, here is a list of meeting dates for the next year or so:

Friday, December 19, 1986 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 16, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 20, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

The April meeting will be at the Banquet.

Friday, May 15, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 19, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 17, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 21, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 18, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 16, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 20, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 18, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Additionally, meeting announcements are made on the weekly two meter net, which is held every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. on the 147.39 repeater. Now get busy and dream up another excuse for not coming to the meetings, because nobody will ever believe you when you say you weren't told about the meeting.

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## Club Program Information

by Art Kunst, W3WM

Our November 21 meeting will feature club member Bob Thunberg N3DIR on The World of Short Wave Listening. Bob is an avid SWL'er of many years, who has achieved distinction and recognition among his peers. He writes a monthly column for a national magazine devoted to this widely practised international hobby. Many radio hams found amateur radio through short wave listening, including this writer. With the proliferation of short wave broadcasters and good receiving equipment, the hobby of SWL'ers is very exciting. Bob has been busy preparing his talk on the subject and it promises to be very interesting. Please make it a point to be at our meeting, and bring a friend(s) who may be inquiring about ham radio.

Our December 19 program will offer a video film cassette entitled SAREX: Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment. This is a reschedule of the the October program which could not be presented due to lack of a video player. More information will be given next month on this newest ham radio space adventure.

January 16, 1987 will be the date of our first club meeting of the New Year. I hope to present a very unusual program which might be titled the Mediterranean Adventures of SVODL. He is Harry Mack WA3UGW of the Indiana County ARC. More later.

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## Minutes of the October Meeting

by Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

The regular meeting of the Quad County Amateur Radio Club was called to order Oct 17, 1986 by vice-pres. KA3MYQ.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER REPORT- Summary of the current balances was read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- WA3UFN reported on the NWS Sky Warn program that was held in Punxsy. He also reminded the members that the annual SET was coming up and that it was a good way to learn how to handle emergency communications as well as keep current on such matters. WA3UFN reported that the Halloween patrol in the Du Bois area would be active again this year.

OLD BUSINESS- WA3UFN read a memo from K3PS that he declined all nominations to any club office. Nominations continued for club officers. Pres. WB3IQE, VP NA3Y, Secretary WA3UFN, Treas. KA3MYQ, Exec Board: N3DEO, WA3GNS, KA3MKY, WA3BUX, W3WM. No further nominations were received. Motion by W3WM seconded by K3IQN to close nominations, carried. Motion by W3WM seconded by K3WVR that a unanimous ballot be cast for those offices unopposed, carried. the meeting adjourned for the new officers to assume their newly elected offices.

The meeting began with the new officers under new business.

NEW BUSINESS- KA3DWR commented about the derogatory comment about amateur radio operators in a recent article in TIME magazine. WA3UFN stated that he would obtain a copy and forward it to ARRL. WA3UFN commented about having equipment for sale and the recent citation that a New England station recieved who had a for sale listing on a packet bulletin board. GENERAL- WA3UFN reported on the packet radio meeting that K3PS and he attended.

With no further business for the meeting the meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE: KA3MYQ, WA3UFN, W8JZZ, WA3UKE, KA3MKY, K3WVR, KA3FHV, KA3DWR, K3IQN, NA3Y, KA3OHH, RAY MEHOLICK, W3WM

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VHF Mountaintopping at the Emporium Site  
by Ev Boden, N3DEO

On Sunday, October 19, Bart Jahnke, KB9NM (editor of the ARRL Repeater Directory), was a guest of the Cameron County Amateur Radio Club at its WA3WPS/R repeater site. He came here from Newington, CT to make plans for the forthcoming VHF Sweepstakes, January 10 - 12, 1987. On January 9, Burt, KB9NM, John, W1XX and others will be here to set up 6M, 2M, 220, 430, 903 MHz and 10 GHz equipment for the contest. While here on Sunday, KB9NM set up antennas for 2 meter SSB and 903 MHz and worked W1XX in Hartford on both bands. On 903 Bart used a 2 meter ICOM into a transverter (described in QST).

Potter County Repeater K3MOE 145.43(-)  
by Ev Boden, N3DEO

There is a new repeater in the area and it is south of Coudersport, on Dutch Hill. It is my understanding that the County Commissioners realized that had the tornado that went through Kane, gone through Coudersport, they would not have a repeater for communication. They bought and paid for the whole thing.

WA3WPS/R Has Autopatch  
by Ev Boden, N3DEO

One of the new model Ham-tronics autopatches has been installed in the WA3WPS/R Emporium repeater. The multiple capabilities of this autopatch permits us to remotely control the transmitter and perform a wide variety of functions. Access to the autopatch is by membership only. (We have telephone bills.) Inquiries may be sent to N3DEO. The access code is four digits and not audible.

1986 Field Day and Cameron County ARC  
by Ev Boden, N3DEO

The November QST, page 78, lists Cameron County, KA3MMM participants, No. 5 in the 2A Commercial Category. Watch for our smoke in 1987. Hi.

Up-grades in Cameron County  
by Ev Boden, N3DEO

Elwood Austin, KA3MMM and Ev Boden, N3DEO, traveled to Williamsport, to take FCC/VEC exams. Elwood up-graded from General to Advanced and passed the 20 wpm code toward an Extra Class. Ev up-graded from Technician to Advanced.

I Wish I Had Thought of That  
by Dick Thompson, K3BIE

(The following is from the NARC Newsette, Oct. 1986.)

A couple weeks ago on a Friday I was on my usual commute to State College from my home QTH of Philipsburg and conversing with Jim, N3DKA on the DuBois 147.39 repeater. Jim was on his way to Reynoldsville. A station broke in with an emergency. He asked if someone could notify the police about a wreck he had come upon in a construction area on I-80. A car had flipped on its roof when it got onto the wrong side of the cones in a construction zone. The station said he was at mile 47 on I-80. Both Jim and I were mobile so since nobody jumped in who was at home Jim said he was about to stop at a

store anyway and would call it in. I was just about to pass WPHB radio station and thought about stopping there to use the phone but since Jim has already said he was going to stop and he was at least 50 miles closer to the accident scene I continued on my way. A few minutes later I passed the Philipsburg State Police barracks and thought, "gee, I could have stopped here." But since Jim was already out of the car I continued on the way. Just a minute later after I passed the police barracks, Brian, WA3UFN said "Dick are you passed the PA police barracks yet?" I answered that I was and Brian said he was just coming it and was going to stop and report to them just as a double check. He (very brilliantly) took his handheld in to the police barracks with him and then was able to ask the station at mile 47 questions the state police wanted answered. Such questions as, were there any injuries and then he passed the name, address etc. of the driver who witnessed the accident and the registration number of the car in the accident. The witness requested permission to leave the scene and was granted that permission. All this was done quickly and saved everyone concerned a great deal of time.

Just in case you don't know where mile 47 is on I-80 it is 17 miles west of Clarion. It was impressive to me that here is Brian in a State Police office in Philipsburg 128 miles from the accident scene using a handie-talkie to talk to a ham on the scene. The State Police were expecting the wreck to be at mile 147 which is more in their territory, so Brian had to repeat that it was mile 47.

I just thought it was worth giving you this story in the hope that it might someday be in your memory and make the thought pop in to mind in case you are ever in similar circumstances what possibilities there are open to us. Maybe you won't have to think like I did, Gee I wish I'd thought of that.

#### Shorts

by Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

FOR SALE: Unadilla/Reyco 20 meter traps, factory matched set never used. Contact Bryan, WA3UFN.

Thanks to: K3PS, K3LIX, WA3BUX, WA3UKE, N3DIR, K3QEQ who participated in this years Halloween patrol in Du Bois. Both the Du Bois City and Sandy Township police expressed their appreciation. We were out two nights and had a bit of activity one night that really kept things interesting and at times humorous. We averaged 25-35 miles per night, mobile, on the excursion around the area. There may have been about 8 miles traveled on foot by K3LIX.

#### -AMATEUR EXAMS IN DUBOIS

by Paul Silinsky, K3PS

The Quad County Amateur Radio Club Volunteer Examiner Team will conduct an examination session for all classes of amateur licenses. These exams will be conducted under the auspices of the ARRL/VEC.

The examination session will be on Saturday, December 6, 1986 at the DuBois Area Senior High School on Orient Avenue. No advance registration is needed since all exams will be given on a walk-in basis. This means that there is a small possibility that there will not be an exam waiting for you if you arrive too late in the day. Arrive early!

The exam schedule is as follows:

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

If you need a code test, plan to arrive about 30 minutes before the scheduled run. This will allow time for administrative details to be taken care of. If you do not need a code test, you may arrive at any time up to 1 PM.

Form 610's will be available at the exam room. Bring a check for \$4.25 payable to "ARRL/VEC". Cash will be reluctantly accepted. Also bring several pieces of identification (preferably with photos on them).

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#### Editor's Column

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

Christmas is coming! And the Parasitic Emission needs articles. Let's get the old typewriter out and grind out one or two for publication. Traditionally, the QCARC gives you a Christmas present in the form of a big newsletter. Last year's December issue was the largest we ever published!

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If I disappear, it's because Santa came early this year and brought me a Tandy 1000 EX computer. Sure it's used for business.

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Wanted - Used HF transceivers for new novices. The code & theory classes are progressing well, and when these people get their licenses, they have no radios. The hamfest season is over, and so you can't sell that old (ahem) boat anchor for a while... soooo... Turn it into some \$\$\$extra bucks\$\$\$ for Christmas shopping and make a new ham happy in the process. Drop a postcard to the Club at Box 352, DuBois, PA 15801. Do it now. C'mon!

The View from Inside - The Final Chapter. Sounds like a good title for a movie. As editor of this here rag, I receive a whole big pile of criticism. And damned little praise. But that's OK. Those who don't do anything are prone to criticize those who do. It's nature's way of preservation of the mediocre. When I hear criticism, I merely consider the source.

Since there are many who think they can do better, they will soon have their chance. As of January 1st, 1987, I am resigning **PERMANENTLY** (that means forever) as editor of the Parasitic Emission. Good luck to my successor(s) (whoever they may be...).

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NOTICE! If you don't like this blank space, then do something about it! Write a short article to fill it. (WA3IHK)

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