



The Parasitic Emission



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Happy Thanksgiving!

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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 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the DuBois Sheraton Inn, Exit 17 of I-80 and Route 255, north of the DuBois Mall.

After a brief business meeting, the program will be "Novice Night", with an ARRL film and commentary aimed at new and prospective amateurs. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a ham, bring them along to the meeting.

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Minutes of the October Meeting

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

Friday, October 19. The October meeting of the Quad County Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by acting president, WA3IHK. Since the secretary was suddenly called away, the president read the minutes as published in the October Parasitic Emission. They were approved as read.

Committee reports. The deadline for the next newsletter will be November 2. Please send all submissions to the club mailbox. A big December issue is planned, so get your material in as early as possible and help make it the best issue ever.

There was no old business. Under new business, Halloween patrols were discussed, apparently with the only one taking place in DuBois.

Nominations were read from the minutes, and with no further nominations made, it was moved by WB3IQD and seconded by KA3FHV to close the nominations. Motion carried. In view of the fact that except for the position of club president, the number of candidates equalled the number of offices and executive board positions, those candidates were elected unopposed.

Voting took place for the office of club president with WA3IHK vs KA3DEO. The club officers are as follows:

President - Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

Vice Pres - Ev Boden, N3DEO

Secretary - Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

Treasurer - Paul Silinsky, K3PS

Executive Board

Dick Flanders, WA3BUX - DuBois

George McKnight, WA3GNS - St. Marys

Les Grimm, WB3HUE - Sigel

Shelly Cretti, KA3MYQ - Brockport

Doug Rowles, KA3DWR - Bigler

Attendance: WA3IHK, K3PS, WA3UFN, KA3MYQ, KA3MYP & YL, KA3FHV, KA3DWR, N3DEO, WA3GQU, WA3BUX, W3ZYK, WB3HUE, WB3IQD, WA3GNS, KA3DEO, KA3BNN & son, WA3HSE, KA3REK, KA3MKY, KA3KNJ, Tom & Marcia Grimm, Randy Wolfgang, John Bishop.

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Items From the ARRL Letter

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making October 10 that would implement the allocation of additional frequencies to the Amateur Radio Service and would make certain "editorial changes" to Part 97.

Thirty meters: The entire 10.100-10.150 mhz segment would be available to General Class operators and higher for A1 and F1 operation -- the 10.109-10.115 mhz window would be eliminated. The special 250 watt power input limit would be removed, also, and the band would be available for RACES operation. During the pendency of this proceeding, the entire frequency band 10.100-10.150 mhz is temporarily available for ham use, A1 and F1 modes with a 200 watt output limit.

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??? EXAMS ???

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The Quad-County Amateur Radio Club Volunteer Examiner Team will be conducting examinations for Technician, General, Advanced, and Extra Class amateur licenses on Saturday, January 19, 1985 at the DuBois Area High School (room 202). The various exam elements will start at different times beginning with the Extra Class code test at 9 AM.

To register for this test session, you must do the following:

1. Obtain and fill out a current FCC form 610 (available from the FCC Field Offices in Buffalo and Philadelphia. We DO have a supply of these forms!)

2. Send the filled-out form 610 along with a \$4.00 check or money order -- NO CASH -- (made out to ARRL/VEC) to:

Gary Boucher, W3GNR
913 Chestnut Ave.
DuBois, PA 15801

Your form 610 and the \$4.00 fee must be in Gary's hands by DECEMBER 19, 1984---NO EXCEPTIONS (this is an FCC requirement)!!!

3. Watch area radio club newsletters for the exact time for your class of exam.

4. Show up at the appointed time (NO REFUNDS are permitted for any reason). YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION (even if we know you -- sorry folks, FCC rules again). You must present ONE of the following:

- ** Photo Drivers License
- ** Photo ID Card

If you have neither of these forms of ID, then you must present TWO of the following (if it's not on the list, it's not acceptable):

- * non-photo drivers license
- * birth certificate
- * utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names you
- * a postmarked envelope addressed to you at your current address
- * minor work permit
- * school report card

5. Bring the original copy of your current FCC amateur radio license (if you hold one), the original copy of CERTIFICATE OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF EXAMINATION (if you hold one), and the original copy of your FCC Commercial Radiotelegraph Operator license (if you hold one).

6. Bring two no.2 lead pencils and, if needed, a calculator. Calculators that retain programs when turned off are not permitted. In other words, no canned programs, equations, or formulas are allowed. Beeping watches and calculators will have to be silenced during the exams, so keep that in mind when choosing a calculator.

Although we will have sufficient room for many people, there is always the possibility that we will get too many people to handle. This is one of the first volunteer-conducted exam sessions in Western Pennsylvania and it may draw a crowd from near and far. Don't miss out. Register early.

These exams are offered as a public service of the Quad-County Amateur Radio Club to anyone wishing to take them. Membership in a particular organization is NOT required. Good luck and see you in January.

FCC Field Offices

To obtain current copies of FCC form 610, write to one of the following FCC Field Offices and request FCC form 610 (allow PLENTY of time):

FCC Engineer-in-Charge
One Oxford Valley Office Building
Room 404
2300 E. Lincoln Highway
Langhorne, PA 19047

FCC Engineer-in-Charge
1307 Federal Building
111 W. Huron St.
Buffalo, NY 14202

FLASH!!!! We now have FCC Form 610s available by sending a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope Gary Boucher, W3GNR; 913 Chestnut Ave; DuBois

Dooos R Dooo!
by your Trea\$urer

Oh no! I've seen that title before!
But read on to see what's different.

In 1975, it would have cost you \$12.00 to join the QCARC as a Full member and \$6.00 as an Associate member. TODAY, IT ONLY COSTS \$10.00 FOR FULL MEMBERS AND \$7.00 FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS! CHEEEEEP!!

Dues for 1985 are due and payable. But be careful!! The dues are different this year. They're a little higher -- sorry! Dues are \$10.00 for Full members and \$7.00 for Associate members.

The cost of producing the newsletter continues to rise almost daily. It is this increase in cost to us that is mainly responsible for the rise in dues for 1985. With each newsletter costing more than ever before to produce for you, the club will be forced to remove the names of members with delinquent dues from the newsletter mailing list early in 1985. Don't miss one great issue of the "Parasitic Emission." Send your dues check today to:

Quad County Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 352
DuBois, PA 15801

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Kerchunk, Kerchunk
by Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

Yes, that familiar sound can be heard reverberating through the speakers of some unknown number of stations standing by for the Sunday FM Net. Why does this "strange" phenomenon occur? Well there are times when I am not around to run the net or not able because of location and/or equipment on hand. Many thanks go to those who have run the net when I have not been able.

As Amateurs we really should take communications a bit more seriously than what I see - or rather hear. That is to say that the main purpose for Amateur Radio is public service through the use of our personal equipment. The net does provide some experience to enhance our capabilities and check our equipment, etc.

I would like to set up a net control schedule, with alternates, to relieve the sometimes burdensome task of regularly running the net. I would like to see several stations, from each of the surrounding counties, that are willing to

be available to run the net, no limits on the number of stations. Remember that the net format was published in the Parasitic Emission for just this reason. If you want to assist with the net and do not have the current format let me know and I will get you a copy. By running the net the net control station gains valuable experience in handling traffic in a low key manner so that when a real disaster strikes and we are needed for what we pride ourselves in - effective communications - the task will be a relatively easy one.

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Time Outs
by Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

ATTENTION !!! Anyone who has a crystal controlled two-meter rig that is willing to sell it, contact K3PS or WA3UFN. We are trying to round up equipment to be used on Civil Air Patrol two-meter frequencies for members in our area. Equipment that is preferred are 12 VDC mobile ris, 10 watts or better output. Please no "basket" cases.

// Time Out //

Thanks to the crew that helped on the Halloween Patrol this year in Du Bois. We were out 6 evenings, and had 8 stations help out. TNX AGN de WA3UFN

// Time Out //

KA3MYQ has been on the air with a YAESU FT-7, and has been having a lot of fun on the novice bands. Best DX so far is another YL in the state of Maine.

// Time Out //

WA3UFN and WA3HSE have been holding a weekly sked on 75 meter phone. Good conditions between here and Ohio have prevailed, making for enjoyable QSOs.

// Time Out //

Newsletter editor, WA3IHK is planning a B-I-G Christmas issue of the Parasitic Emission, so if you have an article or news item, make sure we get it in plenty of time. Deadline for all submissions is December 7.

Editorial

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

What do you mean, "The good old days are gone?" In looking at many of the events that have happened in Amateur Radio in the past few years, I would have to say that there have never been better times for hams to enjoy their hobby! Just recall some of the most prominent - Volunteer Exams, expanded phone bands, new ham bands, 160 meter rejuvenation, a ham in space, computers, repeaters, satellites, a local club...

The list goes on and on. We are living in a time when technology is king, and we were its first subjects. We should never forget our technological heritage, and that throughout the brief history of electronics, hams have pioneered new and exciting developments. And we should never forget that as hams we can still pioneer - if we just allow ourselves to change with the times!

In reading the November QST, I saw several interesting items. First, a fellow wrote a letter to the editor, saying that when he got ticked off at the League several years ago, he dropped his membership, but opened one for his dog (!)

so he could continue to receive QST! He feels that ARRL leadership is more in line with his thinking, now, and so he is rejoining. Second, the 1985 edition of the Handbook is being completely rewritten, and will contain 1024 pages and 40 chapters - that's 376 more pages and 17 more chapters than the 1984 edition! All for only \$15.00 soft, and \$22.50 hard cover. Other books of this size and quality sell for upwards of \$40.00. If you haven't seen a Handbook lately, then drop an early Christmas hint to Santa...

Finally, the ad for Bencher keyer paddles on page 125 really struck a chord with me. Especially the part about the "new rig". Not to knock their ad, but I'll repeat a tune I've sung on occasion in the past: This is a multi-faceted hobby. Using equipment you now have, you can try some new sub-hobby and you will be surprised at how much enjoyment you will find. Check out the new expanded phone bands (as illustrated in last month's newsletter). You'll be surprised at how much activity there is. Turn off the two meter rig and blow the dust off the HF equipment. Build something. Volunteer to help a new novice. Brush up for our upgrade exams in January. This is your hobby. Enjoy it!



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