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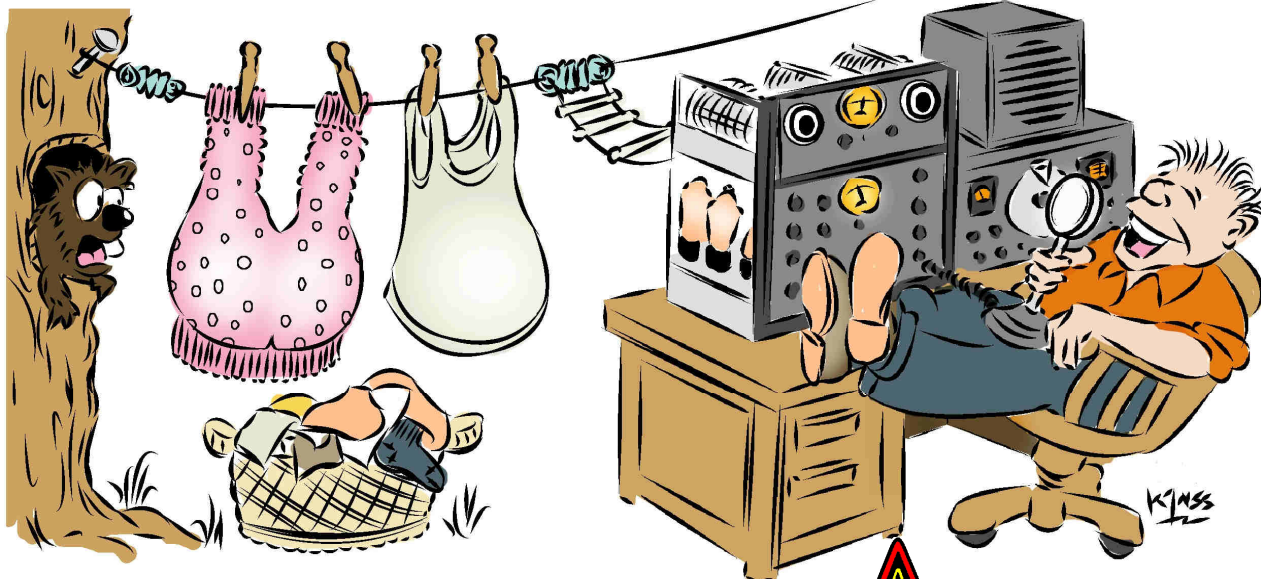


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Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday, June 2nd, 2022

The next scheduled meeting of the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC. will be on **Thursday, June 2nd, 2022**, starting at 7 PM, at **Sunset Hills Grove, South Park**, 100 Acre Drive at Texas Road (the 2022 WASH Field Day site)

Topics: 2022 planning, Field Day 2022, and more!

See you there!

Cover: *Hamvention is Back, and Xenia OH actually seems to want us to come! More photos from Hamvention 2022 inside..*
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Canonsburg	N3FB / R	443.650 MHz (+)	PL 131.8
St. Johns, VI	NP2SH / B	28.276 MHz	Propagation Beacon
Canonsburg	N3SH	144.390 MHz	APRS Digipeater

N3SH / WA3SH WASHNet, the weekly on-air net of WASH, meets every **Monday** Night, 8:00 PM ET, on the 146.955 & 443.650 repeaters. All radio amateurs, WASH members or not, are welcome to join in!

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WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test TBA

The Next WASH VE exam session will be on **Saturday, February 26th, 2022, 10:00 AM**, at **Home Economics Building, South Park Pavilion 3735 Buffalo Drive, South Park Township**. Talk-in on the 146.955

The dates and locations for upcoming VE Exams have not been set yet.

As soon as the information is available, it will be published in the newsletter and on the N3SH website.

Thank you for your patience!

MHz repeater. All examiners are ARRL VEC affiliated.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Walk-ins taken on a space/time available basis.

If you plan on attending the test session, please contact VE Team Liason Grant Olson KC3MLC: kgo@grant-olson.net

Curtis's Reflections



Well, we closed out May with some nice weather and a post covid Reunion in Xenia for Hamvention. It was fantastic running across several club members there as well as many other local hams. I had the opportunity to volunteer with the flea market for setup and then spend the majority of my time for the weekend in the POTA booth. There I met many hams that I have worked the last few years via POTA. All in all I had a wonderful time getting to put faces with callsigns and departed without spending much of my budget for this year.

As we push forward in to June hopefully we see some clear blue skies and birds chirping away as we prepare for Field Day. I hope that everyone that would like to participate gets an opportunity to join us in South Park at the Sunset Hills Grove.

And speaking of Sunset Hills Grove, I look forward to seeing smiling faces there for our next club meeting.

— 73, Curtis Turner KB3CMT
President, WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, Inc.
N3SH / WA3SH / NP2SH

A recent article indicates that the modern incarnation of Western Electric is considering a restart of vacuum tube production in the US. (Actually more of an expansion as they already make some tubes) More information at <https://www.westernelectric.com/expand>

Reminder: The June WASH Meeting will be held at the 2022 Field Day Site: Sunset Hills Grove, 100 Acres Drive at Texas Road, South Park, starting at 7 PM. Map on the last page. See you there!

For those of you who went... **wasn't Hamvention great this year?** And no, we still don't know why Kenwood and a few other 'regulars' were no-shows this year... but we hope they'll be back next year! Lots of old friends seen again, lots of faces to put with calls worked over the years, lots of great stuff we wish we could take home (but lack the room, the shekels, or both), lost of old junkie that makes you wonder why it isn't more valuable in the recycle bin — or dumpster — and then there's always a few surprises. See below. Guess not every Cleveland baseball fan is thrilled about Political Correctness (or is unconcerned with ethnic stereotypes)... didn't see anyone complaining about the recently renamed Washington Football Club, though, go figure...

So, this is where we start normally, or at least used to, reminding everyone about the **Breezeshooter's Hamfest**. Yeah, we hope you've heard by now. Checked with some members, checked their website, right up until Deadline last month, and officially, it was still on. About 2 days after the May issue went out, had two or three club members say "hey, the word is...". Finally officially appeared on the Breezeshooter's website a few days ago. No explanation, just that the 2023 Hamfest is cancelled. Very, very disappointing. Now, we've heard multiple rumors about what happened and why, but we don't know any facts, so we're not going to speculate. Let's just hope that there IS a Breezeshooter's Hamfest next year, in 2023. Just really sad, that what was once the biggest Amateur Radio in person event of the year in WPA has gone up in smoke, so to speak.

We do apologize to anyone who was misled. But then, so were we.

Moving on...

(...anyone have plans for Somerset, Uniontown, Skyview, Butler, or the WACOM hamfest(s)? Just wondering... ..just filled up the gas tank, too...)

Field Day plans for **N3A** are well underway, and will be discussed at the June meeting. If you are planning to operate, or even just show up to see what it's all about (all are welcome!) in a few weeks, please, please come to the meeting if you can.

Ye editor does wish to gently remind everyone that due to a family event, we will not, sadly, be at N3A FD this year. We're relying on everyone to take some pictures.. And then get them to us in time for the July newsletter, of course.

Let us not forget... **Pennsylvania QSO Party** in October! Seems like it's months away... and it is... but time has a habit of disappearing before you know it. (Can you believe that this is the 66th running of the Friendly Contest? Believe!)

And needless to say, **WASHFest** isn't that far behind. Carol KB3GMN is hard at work putting the 2023 event together. She's looking for prize suggestions, and is just in the beginning of organizing things. So help and suggestions are very much appreciated. Now is the time!

Don't forget that as long as the weather stays warm, or at least decent, **we will continue to meet at Sunset Hills Grove in South Park**. Let's hope that by the time the weather turns colder, the situation will have changed enough that we'll have other (indoor) options again.



Join WASH or Renew your Membership Today! Membership Application on Page 15

Minutes, May 5th Meeting

Nathan Suehr KC3GMM, Vice President / Secretary, WASH

Call to Order: 19:12. Presiding Officer: Curtis KB3CMT
15 members and two guests present.

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence for Silent Keys and others deserving.

Roll Call.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Mark Stabryla, (N3RDV): No report. Will send for minutes. Motion to accept by Chuck (KC3ELA), second by Bill (W3WH) and carried.
(Report received on May 5th via email)

Secretary: Nathan Suehr (KC3GMM): No corrections to the minutes. Motion to accept by Richie (N3SBF), second by Harold (K3HCR) and carried. No correspondence.

Repeaters: Jim (WB4GCS) - UHF back up during the day. Need to consider buying batteries.

Bill (W3WH) with motion to authorize Frank (N3FB) to buy batteries, second by Ron (W3WN). Carried. Mark (N3RDV) can recycle batteries if needed.

WASHNet: Charles (Chuck) Bihun, III (KC3ELA): Going well. New calls and some returning.

Thursday Night Tech Net:

- + Glen Roberts (KE7FD): We missed the last one. If anyone has any ideas or would like to present a topic.
- + Suggest talks about digital modes.
- + Short conversation about digital modes followed Glen's update.

Public Service: Mike (WA3PYU):

- + Race for the cure Sunday. Bob has enough people.
- + Westmoreland air show June 11th and 12th. Contact KE3PO to help.
- + Rachel Carson Walk June 18th. Contact WC30 to help.
- + Vintage Grand Prix Jul 23rd and 24th. Contact Mike (WA3PIU) to volunteer.

Newsletter: Ron Notarius (W3WN): Published.

Volunteer Examiners: Grant Olsen (KC3MLC): No report.

Ways & Means (including Member Contributions): Carol Danko (KB3GMN)

- + Donate some money! Email with second prize suggestions and ideas for other prizes.
- + Hamfest first prize - FTDX10
- + Glen (KE7FD) - Yaesu FTD-2DR and testing 3DR and now 5DR is out Ideas by other members
- + Mark (N3RDV) - Ham radio related gift card for main prize.
- + Glen (KE7FD) - Cheaper radio prize.
- + Bill (W3WH) - Look at Dayton for ideas.
- + Ritchie (N3DBF) - Order well ahead of time due to shortages and shipping delays..

Contests: Larry (K3VX): Field day.

- + Bill and chuck measured 400 feet to paved area where tower trailer could go. 200 feet wide - enough room for both crossed dipoles. 20/15/10 dipole available - hang from single support and make it rotateable. Utility pole empty and available.
- + Glen (KE7FD) - 1. Room for 160m loop; 2. Invite new hams when they check into the net.
- + Gary (KB3YCX) - South Hill messenger - Publish article about field day.
- + Chuck (KC3ELA) - Buy plywood to cover picnic tables

President's Report - Curtis (KB3CMT): (No report)

Old Business:

- + Glen (KE7FD) Going to Dayton and willing to pick up items and have room for one more
- + Harold (K3HCR) - Field day pins?

New Business: Glen (KE7FD) -

- + Should the club purchase a power auger? A short discussion followed.
- + Mike (WA3PYU) - Idea - Flagpole mount for fiberglass pole

Good of the Order: Meet here (Sunset Hills) next month.

Adjournment: Motion Carol (KB3GMN), second by Jim (WB4GCS).

Adjourned: 20:01



WASH Spotlight: KB3NVL

Philomath, OR, May 25th, 2022, via Facebook – This year marks the 10-year anniversary of working for NuScale Power for both myself and my dad (Paul). It has been nothing short of a magnificent journey being able to contribute to historical innovations in the energy industry, withstanding all odds, and witnessing ingenuity be turned into reality.

Additionally, I would not be able to enjoy the latest successes without the continued support of my wife Christina, who puts up with my every day, working to change the world from a humble home office. Here's to a continued propagation of the Lusardi name in the engineering field for years to come!



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Every month we're going to feature a **WASH** club member, something about them, something they're involved in or a club-related activity that we're involved in, in the **WASH Spotlight**.

Submissions for the Spotlight should be sent to Ron W3WN at [newsletters at n3sh dot org](mailto:newsletters@n3sh.org)

Monthly WASH Breakfast



Please join us for the next **WASH** Breakfast! We usually get together on the LAST Saturday of every month for a chance to informally sit down, shoot the breeze, compare notes, drink lots of coffee, and just have a good time!

Join us this month at **Eat'n Park**, 3380 Washington Road (US 19), McMurray. Start time is about 8 AM until ????. Monitor 146.955 & 443.659 for talk-in or any last minute changes.

All are welcome, **WASH** members or not, amateurs or not!

Wireless Association of South Hills Membership

AA3XY	KB3YCX	N3JSF	WASH FL	WASH TN	Silent Keys
AE3DL	KC3ELA	N3KFD	KA3UPY/M	K3OL	
K3GW	KC3GMM	N3RDL	WASH NE	KE3XB	AB3KA
K3HCR	KC3MLC	N3SBF	N0PEU	N3YPB	AB3ED
K3SGT	KC3NFV	N3UE	WASH OH	WASH TX	K3EED
K3VX	KC3OCT	N8NEU	N8DPW	NB3C	K3LIE
K6DWR	KC3QZY	NB3C	WASH OR	K3LGM	KA3NMG
KA3VXM	KC3RAA	NL7XM	KB3NVL	KB3IJX	KB3ENX
KB3BYA	KC3RGV	W3LE	KB3NVM	Jane Wagner	KB3FNM
KB3CMT	KC3TDX	W3WH	WASH SC	WASH VI	KB3FQT
KB3GMN	KC4WTT	W3WN	N8NEU	NP2JF	KB3JHQ
KB3GMU	KE7FD	W8LEV			N3BPB
KB3GUZ	N0VLR	WA3PYU			N3CZZ
KB3IAC	N3DFK	WA3VSS			N3FZ
KB3IVX	N3FB	WB4GCS			N3HKQ
KB3JHR	N3IDH				N3KEH

*If your call should be listed here & isn't,
please contact Mark N3RDV*

Through May 30th, 2022

List compiled by

Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

W3ZLK

W4ZE

WA3JPP

2022 WASH Upcoming Events Calendar

Club Meetings & Other Significant Events — Subject to Change

June 2 nd	WASH Meeting	Sunset Hills Grove, 100 Acres Drive at Texas Road, South Park
June 4 th & 5 th	Breezeshooter's Hamfest	CANCELLED
June 25 th & 26 th	ARRL Field Day	http://www.arrl.org/field-day
July 7 th	WASH Meeting	Sunset Hills Grove, 100 Acres Drive at Texas Road, South Park
July 9 th & 10 th	IARU World HF Championship	www.iaru.org
July 10 th	Somerset County Hamfest	Somerset Co. Technology Center, 281 Technology Drive, Somerset, PA 15501
August 4 th	WASH Meeting	Sunset Hills Grove, 100 Acres Drive and Texas Road, South Park
August 13 th	Uniontown ARC Gabfest	W3PIE Clubhouse, 433 Old Pittsburgh Road, Uniontown PA
August 28 th	Skyview Swap N Shop	K3MJW Clubhouse, 2335 Turkey Ridge Road, New Kensington PA 15068
September 1 st	WASH Meeting	Sunset Hills Grove, 100 Acres Drive and Texas Road, South Park
September 11 th	Butler County ARA SwapFest 2022	Unionville VFD, 102 Mahood Road, Butler PA 16001
October 1 st & 2 nd	57 th California QSO Party	http://cqcp.org
October 6 th	WASH Meeting	TBD
October 8 th & 9 th	66 th Pennsylvania QSO Party	http://www.paqso.org

N3UE Woodworking



Ed Wolf N3UE has recently taken up a new endeavor... laser engraving. (See sample)

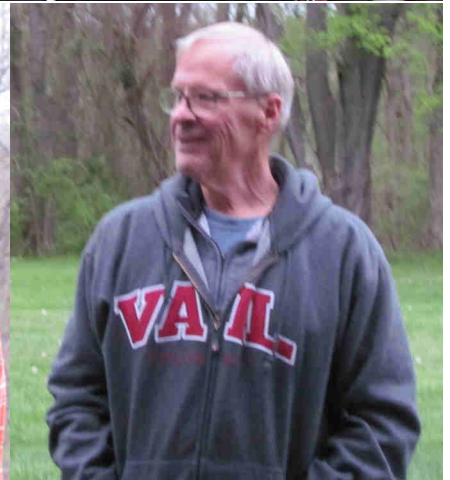
He's currently available for plaques and signs of varying shapes and designs.

Prices vary, but are very reasonable!

Interested? Contact Ed directly at n3ue11@gmail.com

"Seen" at the May 2022 Meeting

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Ron Notarius W3WN



N3A Field Day 2022

Glen Roberts KE7FD



Clairton, PA, May 30th, 2022 — Field Day will be upon us before we know it.

The Field Day Committee has been working on preparations for a successful event later in June. Antennas have been identified, the site has been examined and details are being worked out and will be finalized hopefully at the June meeting.

In addition to these efforts a smaller effort is being put into the ARRL Kids Day the Saturday before Field Day. Kids Day will be held at the Missouri shelter at South Park. A special event call sign has been requested however it's not known if that has been approved yet. For Field Day however the call sign to be used this year will be N3A, and we're planning on operating as 5A: two SSB, two CW and one digital station.

We need everyone's support in filling the operating positions so please don't be timid. If you have a preferred time that you know you'll be available to operate please let Glenn, Bill or Larry know in advance so we can develop an operating schedule. Also, we're planning on having a separate area for food and lounging away from the operators to provide additional sound isolation.

Final details will be discussed at the June meeting so please make sure you are in attendance so your voice will be heard and all considerations are known. 7:00 pm Thursday evening Sunset Hills shelter South Park.

Reminder: Because Babcock was not reserved far enough in advance for 2022, we will be at Sunset Hills Grove for Friday through Sunday, June 24th through 26th. The shelter and surrounding area is at the junction of 100 Acres Drive and Texas Road, with access from either road.

Lots of trees and open space to adapt to our use. Hard surface parking near the shelter, and also far enough away for the Tower Trailer.

— Larry Comden K3VX

Vibroplex Acquires SPE Expert Linear Amplifiers

American Radio Relay
League via the ARRL
Letter

Newington, CT, May 19th, 2022 – Vibroplex LLC, of Knoxville, Tennessee, has entered into a purchase agreement to acquire all operating assets related to the sale and servicing of SPE Expert linear amplifiers from Expert Linears America LLC, of Magnolia, Texas, for undisclosed terms. This is including contractual agreements for the exclusive sale and service of SPE Expert amplifiers for the United States and Canada. SPE, based in Rome, Italy, has also agreed to provide an extension to existing distribution agreements as part of the transaction. Vibroplex has taken over the exclusive US and Canada distribution and service of SPE Expert products effective May 1st, 2022.

Present ELA LLC owner Bob Hardie W5UQ told ARRL, "I'm still doing a lot of the repairing, and I will be for a few years until I just can't repair anymore." Hardie will continue to provide repair and parts services for SPE Expert products on behalf of Vibroplex and function as a consultant during the transition to new ownership. An additional repair person has also been brought on by ELA and Vibroplex to assist with both future warranty and non-warranty service and tech support.



All SPE amplifier warranties presently in effect will be transferred to and administered by Vibroplex. Pending orders for SPE Expert unfulfilled prior to May 1st, 2022, will be administered by Vibroplex with no additional delay over quoted delivery time added.

SPE is owned and operated by Gianfranco Scasciafratti IØZY of Rome, Italy. The current SPE product line is distributed worldwide and consists of the SPE 1.3K-FA, SPE 1.5K-FA, and SPE 2K-FA solid-state linear amplifiers.

Scott Robbins W4PA owns Vibroplex, as well as Bencher, INRAD, Par EndFedz and Vintage Manuals product lines. The company is also the exclusive US and Canada distributor for Spiderbeam, MAT-TUNER, Easy-Rotor-Control, GHD, and Hi-Mound radio accessories.

More information is available from Vibroplex; www.vibroplex.com.

W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station located at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, is fulfilling QSL card requests with a commemorative card celebrating the Amateur Radio Transatlantic Communications Centennial.

The special card will be issued for all W1AW QSL card requests for contacts made with the station from December 11th, 2021, to December 31st, 2022. The historic transatlantic tests of 100 years ago contributed to the dawn of international amateur radio communications. US amateurs contacting W1AW who would like a QSL card should send their card directly to the station with a SASE (Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope).

International stations may confirm receipt of transmissions directly to W1AW with one IRC or via the W1 Incoming QSL Bureau.



The New Zealand Amateur Radio Transmitters Society (NZART) has announced that negotiations with Radio Spectrum Management (RSM) have been successful in obtaining a new 60 m (5 MHz) license with the same terms and conditions as the previous license which expired on May 4th, 2022. With the license, New Zealand amateurs may operate on the band using the WRC-15 allocation. Maximum allowable power is 15 W effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP), and amateurs are secondary users in the band. Existing 60 m sub-license holders do not need to reapply. More information is available on the NZART website: www.nzart.org.nz/info/60m.

An unusual Morse Code story from John Ruckert WE4IAS, in Hollywood CA (where else?): "About 3 AM, I was awakened by someone sending S-O-S on their car horn. I leaped out of bed, grabbed a bathrobe, and with an extra-long metal-flashlight zoomed down a flight of stairs to our apartment buildings' carport. There I found a non-tenet young lady sitting just inside our rolling car-gate. I inquired, 'Are you the person sending S-O-S on a car horn?' She smiled, and said, 'Yes. I guessed if I just leaned on my car horn, to get someone to let me out with an electronic gate-opener, no one would respond. But you did in about 30-seconds!'"

Hamvention Is Back!

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If two ARRL Volunteer Councils
compare notes at Hamvention...
who gets the bill for their time?



Somerset County Hamfest

Sunday, July 10th, 2022, 8:00 AM— 1:00 PM

Sponsored by the Somerset County ARC K3SMT

Somerset County Technology Center

281 Technology Drive, Somerset, PA 15501

Talk-in on 146.64 PL 131.8 General Admission \$5

More Information at <https://k3smt.org>



Cumberland Valley ARC 2022 Hamfest

Sunday, July 30th, 2022, 8:00 AM— ??

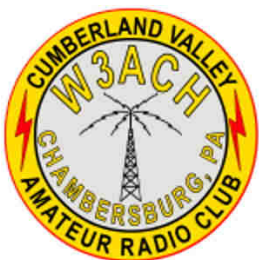
Grounds Open at 6 AM for Vendors & Tailgaters

CVAEMA Show Grounds

1501 Criders Church Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Talk-in on 147.120 PL 100.0 Admission \$5

More Information at <http://w3ach.org>



Uniontown ARC 72nd Annual Gabfest

Saturday, August 13th, 2022, 8:00 AM—???

Vendor Setup prior to 8:00 AM

W3PIE Clubhouse

433 Old Pittsburgh Road, Uniontown, PA 15401

Talk-in on 147.045 PL 131.8

More Information at <http://www.w3pie.org>



Skyview Swap 'n' Shop

Sunday, August 28th, 2022, 8:00 AM—???

Vendor Setup prior to 8:00 AM

Skyview Radio Society K3MJW Clubhouse

2335 Turkey Ridge Road, New Kensington, PA 15068

Talk-in on 146.64 PL 131.8 Admission \$5

More Information at <http://www.skyviewradio.net>



CYØS Sable Island DXpedition News

Press Release by Murray Adams WA4DAN

CYØS DXpedition Team Leader

Courtesy of OPDX

Farmville, NC, May 13th, 2022 –As announced previously, the 2022 Sable Island **CYØS** DXpedition has been formally approved for this October/November. As soon as the exact dates are determined by Parks Canada, we will release them to the DX community. arks Canada is extremely busy with maintenance projects which have priority.

Environment Canada completely automated their Sable weather station in 2019 so they no longer have personnel on the island. As planning continues, the CYØS team faces significant costs. This is by far the most expensive CYØ DXpedition ever. The budget for this DXpedition is \$65,000 USDs.

The team will charter the Sable Aviation fixed wing aircraft as well as the Vision Air Sikorsky SK-76 helicopter. The team will require two round trip flights with Sable Aviation and two round trip flights with Vision Air. These charters are at a very significant cost. Additionally, Parks Canada charges for the use of the Visitor Quarters next to the Sable Station. The team members have committed to paying a minimum of 50% of the cost of the DXpedition. Currently, our fund raising is just starting to ramp up. We encourage DX'ers worldwide who need Sable Island to support our efforts. It's been a long six years with trying to make this DXpedition a reality. The team has had to overcome many obstacles.

Donations can be made directly from our website.
<https://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html> Thanks in advance!

For the past 8 years, the ARI Fidenza Radio Club (Italian Amateur Radio Association), has celebrated a technical and cultural event at the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation at Villa Griffone in Pontecchio Marconi, Bologna, Italy (Guglielmo Marconi's birthplace).

The purpose of the event is to highlight, at an international level, the historical value and meaning of Marconi's yacht, *Elettra*, which was the moving laboratory of the great Italian scientist. Several important radiocommunications experiments were conducted on board the yacht by Marconi.

Over the event weekend, 4 – 5 June, amateur radio operators from around the world will have a chance to contact **IY4ELE**, operated by club members from a radio station located near the keel of the *Elettra*. For more information, visit www.arifidenza.it.

G4WXJ will again be QRV from the UK Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus as **ZC4RH** 5 – 15 June, 40 – 10 CW, SSB, FT-8. A side trip as **5B/G4WXJ** is also planned. QSL via LotW, or as directed.

DX News Briefs



8N65ØJP is a Special Event station marking the return of Okinawa to Japan, QRV through 30 September. QSL via the Bureau.

3Z75ZOT, HF75ZOT, SN75ZOT, SO75ZOT, SO75ZOT, SP75OT, SQ75ZOT are all Special Event stations commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union's West Pomeran PK Regional Branch (Zachodniopomorski Oddział Terenowy), through 39 August. QSL via the Bureau or as directed.

8N2TY will be QRV through 30 November from Toyoake City, Aichi, Honshu Island (AS-007) by members of the Toyoake Amateur Radio Club JH2ZCW, to commemorate the city's 50th anniversary, QRV 160 meters – 1.2 GHz on multiple modes. QSL via LotW, eQSL, or as directed.

V7/WV7MS is now QRV as **V73MS**, as of 6 May. He is QRV daily on 20/17/15 meters from 0600 – 0900 Z, and will arrange schedules (email available on QRZ.COM). QSL via eQSL.

VP5VMA is now QRV as **VP5MA**, from Providenciales Island NA-002, for an unknown length of stay. He has been spotted on 80/40/17/10 on FT8. QSL direct via W4HBW or ClubLog.

9M22DX will be QRV 1 – 30 June from West Malaysia to promote SOTA and DX, on various HF bands and modes. QSL via 9M2DCX or ClubLog.

JD1AJD will be QRV from Ogasawara (AS-031) 24 June – 2 July, 20 – 6, CW and FT8. QSL via JA1ADT

JD1BQI and **JD1/JR3DVL** will be QRV from Chichijima Islands, Ogasawara, 30 June – 8 July, primarily on 6 meter EME and multi-hop ES to NA, EU, and for "all those that need **JD1/0** for an all-time new one. More information and frequencies/modes will be announced on QRZ.COM under JD1BQI.

3A/F6EXV and **3A/PB8DX** will be QRV during the first half of July. On six meters, they'll be QRV as **3A6M**. QSL all only via ClubLog

7T6ØA will be QRV 1 – 30 July to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Algeria's Independence. QSL via BOX 064 DJLEFA 17000 ALGERIA or as directed

Members of Grupo Yaguarete DX will be QRV as **5KØT** and **5JØDX** from San Andres NA-033 16-26 September, 80 – 10, CW SSB & Digital, possibly Satellites. QSL via LU1FM

Members of the F6KOP Radio Club will be QRV as **D6ØAE** from Comoros Islands AF-007 5 – 17 October, most likely on 160 – 6 on multiple modes. More information available at <https://comores2022.wordpress.com>

Mixed Nutz



Seen at Hamvention 2022: Glen KE7FD, flanked on his right by Dave Casler of YouTube fame; and Josh of Ham Radio Crash Course, also on YouTube, on his left. Photo courtesy of and © Copyright, 2022 Glen Roberts KE7FD

QSL Routes

3A5M via 3A2ARM	DUI/NFØØ via K8CW	OG2P via OH2PM
3B9FR via MØØXO	DV1IIV via IK2DUW	OHØCO via SM6CCO
3D2EZ via SP5ES	EA6/4X6TT via N4GNR	OH8SSAB via OH8DR
4A5M via XE1RE	EA6/EA3HSO via N4GNR	P29LL via EA7ETR
4T4T via OA4DX	EX/R4FCN via R2BZ	PA1TT via DJ5AN
4U1UN via HB9BOU	FM5BH via W3HNK	PA5ØPKZ via PA2PKZ
4XØRMN via 4X6ZM	FM5DN via KU9C	PC7ØRH via PF1SCT
4X74VF via K1FJ	FR5FC via EA7ETR	PJ4DX via MØURX
5B4AMM via UT5UDX	G3P via G3WPH	PJ4EVA via MØURX
5H2RE via 4Z4DX	GM4FOC via G3SWH	PJ4MM via MØURX
5X7W via MØØXO	GW6XX via MØØXO	PS2GOB via PT2OP
7Q7CT via JH1AJT	HB9ØJU via HB9VC	SE5E via SM5AJV
8P2K via KU9C	HI3K via EB7DX	SN15ØBAIL via SP2PBY
9G5AR via N4GNR	HI3T via K7BV	SP2ØSDW via SP3POB
9J2BO via EA5GL	HP2DFA via EC6DX	ST2NH via EA7ETR
9N7AA via S57DX	HSØZJF via ON4AFU	T42ITU via MØØXO
9N7CI via SP6CIK	IQ5PJ/P via IK5WOB	T88HF via JF1GHX
A25VR via VE7VR	IQ5VK via E7URI	TR8CA via F6CBC
A61Q via EA7FTR	68HZ via K9HZ	V85A via EB7DX
AP2SD via EA5ZD	JW4D via LA4D	VP5MA via I2HBW
C31CT via EA3QS	KP2B via EB7DX	VP8CLE via G1OCN
CE2SV via N7RO	KP2M via NZ4DX	VP9IN via EC6DX
CN66PA via CN8ZG	KP3RE via EA5GL	VU4W via YL2GN
CN66ZG via CN8ZG	M4T via MØBEW	Z21ML via N4GNR
CR6K via CT1ILT	N4A via K5KG	ZC4GR via EB7DX
CT9ABV via DL5AXX	MUØCGF/P via MØCGF	ZF200 via WB2REM
D2EB via IZ3ETU	NL8F via N7RO	

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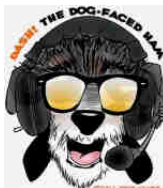
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US Amateurs by Class as of May 31st, 2022

Novice	7,631
Technician	429,320
General	196,902
Advanced	37,675
Extra	161,235
Club	12,537
Total	845,300

All-Time High 04/18/2022 845,540

Last 90 Days:	New Amateurs	9,214
	Callsign Changes	3,055
	Class Changes	4,003
	No Longer Licensed	7,389
	All Updates (*)	31,652

(*) Includes renewals, address changes, etc.

Information gathered from FCC Daily Updates, courtesy of Hamdata.com

Latest Region 3 Sequential Calls, Issued as of May 31st, 2022:

Group A	AC3IX
Group B	KF3EU
Group C	(none available / all issued)
Group D	KC3UHS

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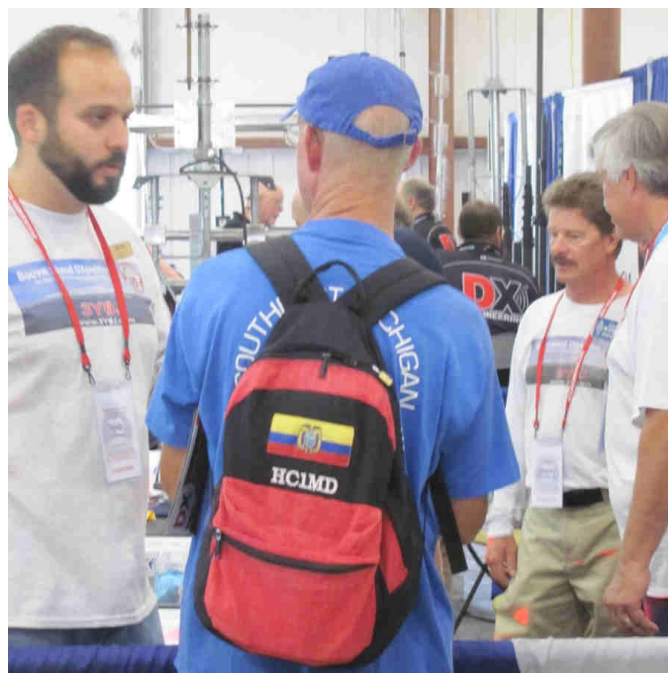
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Newington, CT, May 9th, 2022 – The ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) reports that the FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS) electronic batch filing (EBF) system is back online and functioning normally.

A message sent by the FCC ULS EBF Team to VECs explains that the technical issues with ULS EBF filing are resolved, and that VECs may resume submitting files containing amateur radio license applications.

ARRL VEC has submitted most of the backlog of its files for applications processed on, or after, April 27th, and expects to have all of the backlog submitted by the end of the day (May 9th).

New Amateur Radio License Fees Took Effect April 19th.



Has Roadway found the tower yet?



WASHfest 2023

The South Hills Hamfest — Now in our **TWENTY SEVENTH** big year!
Sponsored by the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

Sunday, February 26th, 2023

8:00 AM until 3:00 PM Rain or Shine (or Snow!)

Home Economics Building, South Park

3735 Buffalo Drive, South Park Township, PA 15129

Behind the Allegheny County Police Station on Brownsville Road

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Donation \$5



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Breakfast & Lunch will be available!



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First Prize: To Be Announced

Second Prize: To Be Announced

Third Prize: To Be Announced

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Main Prize tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, 7 for \$10, 15 for \$20, 40 for \$50, 90 for \$100

All Prizes Subject to last-minute changes

For Table Reservations, or More Information, Please Contact:

Carol Danko KB3GMN at (412) 884-1466 n3sbf@comcast.net

E-mail us directly at washarc@yahoo.com Check out our website too! www.n3sh.org

Please Note: Early Table Reservations must be paid in full on or before January 31st, 2023.

Reservations received after February 1st, 2023 must include payment in full.

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Hamfest Table Reservation Form—Please PRINT LEGIBLY ALL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Call Sign: _____

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5 Or More Tables w/o: _____ X \$10.00 = _____

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(check quarter _____)
(check one)

	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Qtr Jan-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Qtr Apr-Jun	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Qtr Jul-Sept	<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Qtr Oct-Dec
<input type="checkbox"/> (F1) Full Membership:	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> (F2) Full Membership < 18 or > 65 yrs of age:	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50
<input type="checkbox"/> (A1) Associate Membership:	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50

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Name(s): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

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☐ I do NOT want to be added to the Club E-Mail Reflector

☐ I do NOT want to be added to the Electronic Newsletter Mailing List

[If you have an Email address, you Will be added to both lists UNLESS you choose to Opt-Out]

Signature: _____

Call Sign: _____

License Class: _____

Expires On: _____

Work Phone: _____

Birthday: _____

ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No Family ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

N3RDV has requested that all membership requests and renewals include an application so that his information is up to date

Please make your check or money order payable to the club treasurer, Mark Stabryla.
The Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject new memberships or renewals.
Please return completed membership form along with check/money order to the club treasurer or mail to:

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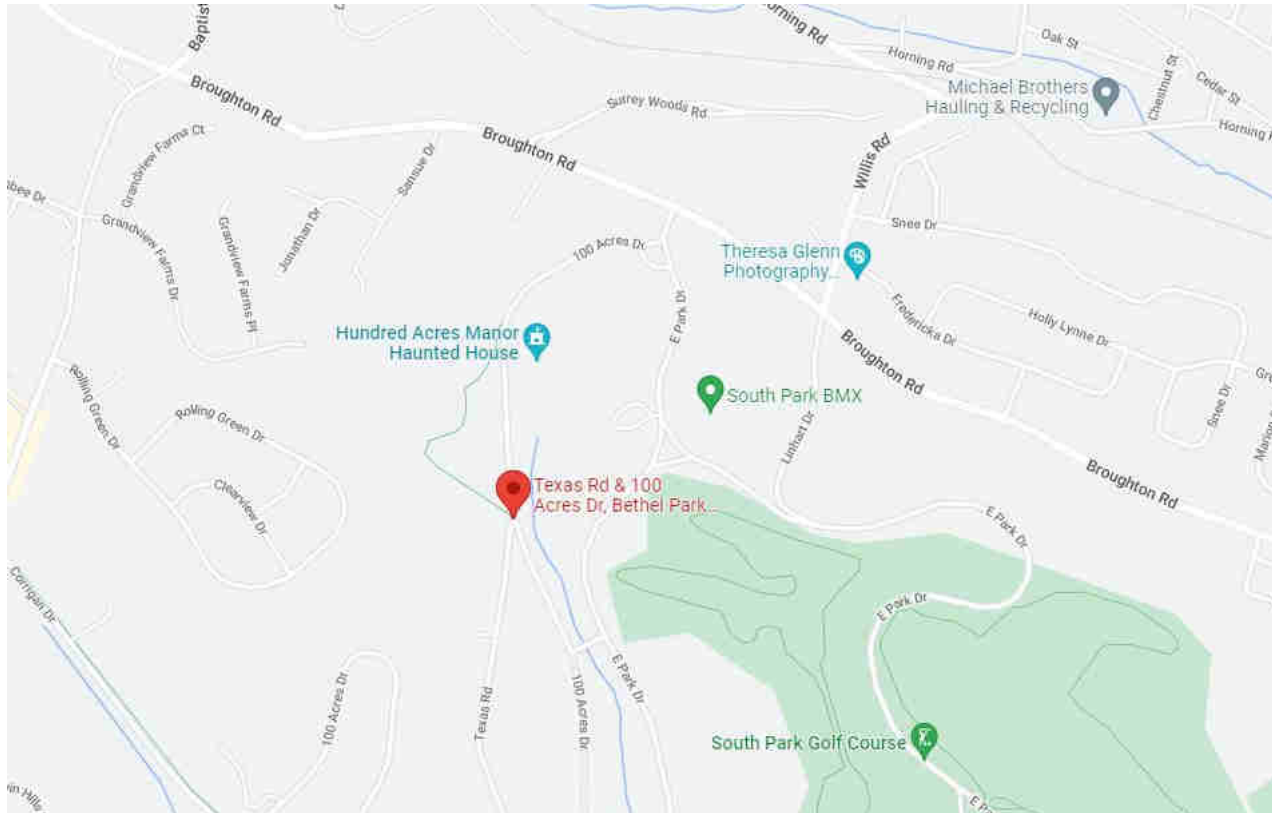
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Arghh!
What Mightst We Draw For Ye, Matey?



Directions to the June Meeting Site



The June meeting will be held at our 2022 Field Day site: Sunset Hills Grove, Texas Road at 100 Acres Drive, South Park. 100 Acres Drive can be accessed from both Broughton Road and Corrigan Drive. Meeting starts at 07:00 PM EDT. See you there!

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