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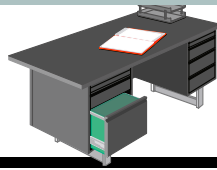
Next Test Session to
be held

3rd Sunday of
September, 2009

Anyone wanting to take a test or
classes, please contact Don
Cripe, KE3MM, and he can direct
you to the proper people.

HEALTH & WELFARE

Bob O'Conner - Health Concerns
Scherry Brewer - Still in the Nursing Home
Marian Oliastro - Just got out of hospital
Bill Continelli - Improving



THE EDITOR'S DESK

Input is needed for the newsletter. Butch had some information and reviewed the newsletter. Marion has some difficulties and it would be great to have others send input that might be of interest to the club. This is not only a work of art but rather a work of heart. Everyone is very busy and getting things done is a job for everyone.

Thanks for all your support
Linda O

MEETING NOTES

.Meeting was held on July 12, 2009. Thank You expressed to all who assisted in the Festival. Jim stated that a grant was not approved for the building on the test site spot. May have to demolish all buildings in a month if things do not change due to the township. Discussed the festival and the prospect of not having it next year without commitments for

help. This would include work on the food booth and help in the booth next year. Commitments must be made by September to continue the food booth for the 2010 season. Discussed a committee for the Christmas party and Don will try to get the fire hall in New Galilee for this. Meeting concluded with all in agreement.

**Next meeting
is on August
9.2009**

ARRL - JOIN OR RENEW THROUGH US

This is a great time to think about joining or renewing your membership with the ARRL. If you are already a member, you can renew your membership through the club, even though we no longer get rebates for renewals. If you are not a member of the ARRL currently, but are considering it, please join through us. We get a \$15 rebate for all new members who join

through the club, and \$2 rebate for renewals has been reinstated. we'd like to pass the savings on to you. If you are interested, please contact our Membership Committee in care of Dennis Neese, KB3IUU 412 Smiley Street You can email him at kb3iuu@verizon.net or ecara@qsl.net. As an ARRL affiliated Special

Service Club, we encourage all of our members to consider joining. We are Special Service club affiliated with the ARRL, and we are very proud of that, but we need to keep at least half of our membership as members of the ARRL. So please help us keep up our good standing!

Atlantic Division News

**** News ****

The ARRL Board Meeting was held last weekend in Connecticut and some very positive things came from this meeting.

First, congratulations to former WNY Section Manager, Bill Thompson W2MTA, who was awarded the Joe Knight Distinguished Service Award by the ARRL Board for his guidance and elmering of the Field Organization within Western New York and for his long term service as the NTS Eastern Area Staff Chair. This motion was unanimously approved at the board meeting.

Additionally, there was a motion made and approved for the ARRL to form an ad-hoc committee to study the ambiguities in certain regulations applicable to the amateur service engaged in disaster communications and public service events and that it would be helpful for the amateur community and others to understand the ramifications of providing amateur radio communication services. This committee is charged with studying the issue and to prepare guidelines for use by the amateur community and others to identify the inappropriate use of amateur radio. That ad-hoc committee was

formed and is to submit its findings and recommendations to the Executive Committee within 30 days.

In keeping with several of the FCC's reasons for Amateur Radio in Part 97, the ARRL Board authorized the formation of a committee for the study of narrowband channels and to consider a developing a plan to move the US amateur community to narrowband spacing for VHF/UHF

frequencies. It is my opinion and position that the ARRL Board recognizes that it would be expensive to modify amateur VHF/UHF repeaters and the majority of VHF/UHF amateur radios so as to permit narrowband operation. I don't see this proposal looking to make this equipment obsolete.

**** PA Act 88 Webinar ****

The Atlantic Division is sponsoring a webinar on PA Act 88 -- An update. The speaker is ARRL Volunteer Counsel, Mike Lazaroff K3AIR.

PA Act 88 is Pennsylvania's version of the Federal PRB-1, and now that Pennsylvania's Act 88 has been in force since December 2008, you should hear an update about this new law.

Mike, a Pennsylvania attorney, will be giving an update on how

Act 88 affects amateur radio legislation within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There have been several occasions where this newly enacted legislation has assisted amateurs within Pennsylvania.

Although this deals with Pennsylvania, any interested amateur radio operator is welcome to join in. To register, please go to the following website:
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/328839329>

**** New Committee Formed to Seek New Amateur Radio Operators ****

The Atlantic Division has formed a new working committee with Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH as its Chairman. This committee has been tasked with identifying prospective new amateur radio operators and then developing ways we can reach these prospective hams.

This committee is looking for some good committee members who are willing to be working members. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please send an email with your name, call sign and a brief statement with your qualifications for this committee to n3llr@arrl.org.

August 2009

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MEETING
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Don Cripe

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THE FOOD BOOTH - 11 YEARS

Well here we go again another good year. This year we had a good festival. With the small turn out of help we pulled off another good year so I want to thank all of the people that came out and did what they can. There were some that could only do a little but when you put it all together it came out well. It is not how hutch that you do it is that you do something and that is a help we need all of the help that we can get. The members said at the meeting / fish fry on July 12, 2009 that if we can get enough help that they want to do it again. So we will need help to paint the booth and get it ready for next year. It will be stored at Debbie Read place so that is where it will be painted before it is put in storage for the winter. There are several other things that need done before it is time to use it so we will be calling on work parties till all is done so plan on doing your part and come out and help us get things ready for next year. This is the only thing that supports the club so with out it we will no longer have a club. The members at the last meeting all agreed that we need to get more help so we have invited the New Castle club to join us and we will help them keep there club going as well. There is need for a refrigerator the one that we had went bad and we need the use of one if we are going to do this another year. We only need it for the time of the festival then it will be returned. **There is a special thanks that goes out to Megan Wilson and the family who came out to help us on Saturday when she lost her Paw (K3YO) on Thursday that shows a lot of devotion and we all need to take lesions from the young people some times we need to sit back and re think what we have in our young members.** At the food booth we had another member that came to help say that he wanted to get his ticket so he was handed a book and took his test one week later he is now a ham good job J Cripe. We need to get more new and young people to get there ticket I am not going to post all of the names of those who helped but again we had enough help with set up and tear down but we need more people to spend some time working in the booth only if for s short time those who work all of the time need to have a break so the can see some of what is going on out side of working all day then going home to sleep and back at 6:00 am to start over again. Next year we want to get people to give us a tome that they can help and we will work them in so that others can have a break. If you have any ideas we will take them and try to work them in and make the food booth work better so let us know.

Jim Klingensmith (N3ZJM)

Eulogy for Al McGee (“Butch”)

Eulogy for Al McGee (“Butch”) --read on the weekly 147.195 net on July 9, 2009
It is with great sadness that we note the passing of our brother and fellow ham operator, Albert McGee, K3YO, affectionately known as “Butch”. Al died one week ago today from a heart attack at his home. He is survived by his devoted wife Dawn, K3DLM, and 2 adult children.

Al was only 62 years old, but his long gray beard gave everyone the impression that he was decades older. His beard also gave the impression of great wisdom and knowledge – but that part was NO illusion, for he truly had both. Many people know a lot of information, but few know how to use that information. Al had wisdom.

Most of us knew Al as a ham's ham – a friend you could count on for technical advice... and for “hands on” help when needed. An amateur radio operator for over 40 years, Al held an Extra Class license for most of that time. And scores of hams in our area obtained their Extra Class ticket because of Al's coaching and encouragement.

If you knew Al much at all, you also knew that he was a deeply committed Christian, and that it was his faith in Jesus Christ that inspired him to be such an asset to our community.

We could also say that he was “heavenly minded” in another sense. Many years ago he had been an aerospace engineer for NASA and had designed the special camera that was attached to the back of the Lunar Rover. (I believe that Rover is still up there, although no longer functioning.) So we can say that a little bit of Al made it to the moon!

On earth, Al designed a large church addition in Elwood City, and he did the electrical engineering for the runways at the new Pittsburgh International Airport. He was the station trustee for the 145.170 repeater, and very much the spark plug of the Ellwood City Amateur Radio Association.

But best of all, Al McGee was a good friend and mentor – the epitome of all that a ham could be.

Butch, I don't know if you're listening on frequency tonight... or if you're busy with some new project in one of your Father's “many mansions” ... but I believe I'm speaking for all of us when I say, we love you, Butch... we miss you.

This is Carl Sacherich, N3OLA. Back to Net Control.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

.Thanks to SKYVIEW Radio Soc. <http://www.skyviewradio.net/> and N3DOK

August 23rd 2009 *The best little hamfest in the world!*

Skyview Radio Society 49th annual Swap N Shop! ARRL Western PA Section Convention! - Location: Skyview Radio Society clubhouse grounds. 2335 Turkey Ridge Road. New Kensington, PA 15068. Talk-in: 146.640- 131.8pl. Contact: Bob Boehmer, KG3F at 412-860-0046 or SkyviewHamfest2009@verizon.net THE BEST breakfasts and lunches served – VUCC/WAS card checking – Musicians bring your instruments for the Skyview Ham Jam! Bring your high performance or antique cars for the Skyview car show!
www.skyviewradio.net

September 5th 2009

Uniontown ARC Gabfest. Location: Uniontown ARC club grounds, on Old Pittsburgh Great breakfasts and lunches served - Road just off of Rt. 51 and Rt. 119. Talk-in 147.045+ 131.8pl - Contact: Tony Alviar, KA3VOR at 724-430-1277 or Herb Shaffer, KA3WSO at 724-326-8810 newsletter@w3pie.org www.w3pie.org

September 13th 2009

Butler County Amateur Radio Association Location: Unionville Fire Hall on Route 8 north of Butler – Talk-in: 147.360+ 131.8pl - Web site: <http://www.w3udx.org/>

September 27th 2009

Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show. Location: Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. 164 Eastland Road. Talk-in: 146.730- 110.9pl. Contact: William R. Beckman, N8LXY at 800-CLE-FEST or info@hac.org
<http://www.hac.org>

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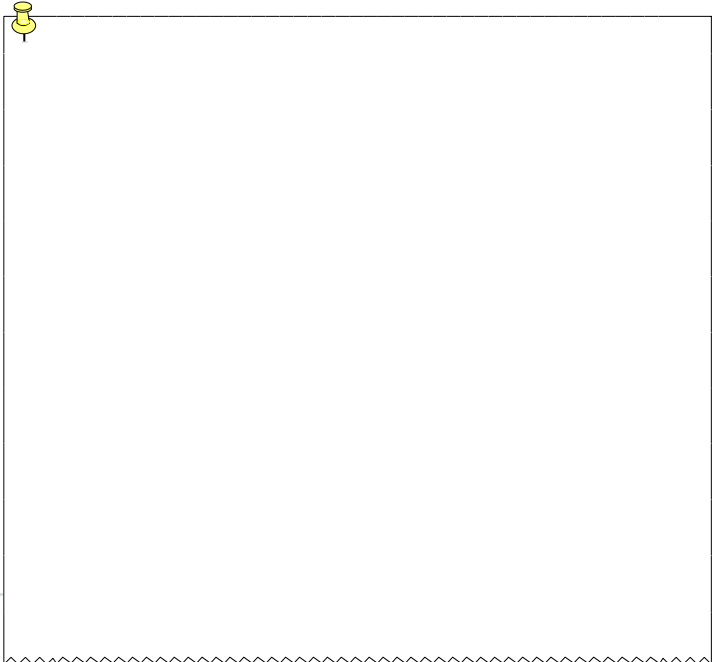


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VISIT OUR WEB SITE !!

Stop by and visit the ECARA online! Keep in touch with fellow members on the Members' Page or browse through the Photo Album. Visitors are WELCOME!

<http://www.qsl.net/ecara>

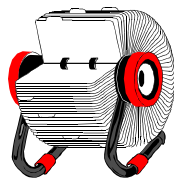
Please stop in and sign our Guest Book!

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Sometimes we need an angel for ourselves.

Sometimes we are destined to be an angel for others.

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IN MEMORIAM POEMS

--TO GOD BE THE GLORY--

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

(Revelation 21:4, KJV)

In Memory of Butch McGee

My Loving Lord, My Grateful God

I heard you call my name

When I turned to answer you

Nothing looked the same

I saw the steps to Heaven

And I began to climb

I knew my Lord it was my turn

To be your faithful servant

So each and every step I took

I prayed for your forgiveness

Tears came to my eyes

When I felt you take my hand

I knew at that moment

It was the way to the Holy land

I did not get a chance to say

Good-bye to my family

I hope they know I loved them so

And again one day I'll see

For when its time for their trip home

I'll stand by Grandma's side

And at the Pearly Gates we'll meet

With open arms and hugs no one can beat.

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The ECARA meets monthly at the Tree of Life Wellness Center in Ewing Park. The meetings are on the first Sunday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Visitors are welcome. E-Board meetings are currently combined with the regular meeting unless a special meeting is called.

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Carol

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___ FULL	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5
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___ ASSOCIATE	\$15	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$3.75
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The Ellwood City Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. was founded in August of 1997 to provide an Amateur Radio presence in the Ellwood City area, It is our desire to serve our community where we can and to teach young people, or anyone who is interested, the benefits and advantages of becoming a "ham radio" operator. We are a Special Services Club affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Many of our members belong to Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Skywarn, helping the National Weather Service. It is more than just a hobby!

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