

Radio Amateurs of Corry

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Upcoming Events

Sun. May 18th
VFW Breakfast

June??
Summer Picnic
Mead Park 1 pm

June 28-29
Field Day
Mead Park

December ??
Christmas Party
Location TBA

RADIO RULES: WRC-03 GETS US POSITION

The U. S. Department of State has forwarded several agenda items to Geneva as being this nations opening position at the 2003 World Radiocommunications Conference. The most important of these relate to International Radio Regulation s-25 and its sub-parts. Included in the initial United States position is rewording S 25 subpart 1 to give member nations more authority to determine the points of communication of the amateur stations it has licensed. The suggested modifications reads that administrators shall verify the technical and operational qualifications of any person wishing to operate an Amateur station.

The United States is also proposing to eliminate regulation 25.5. This is the rule that mandates Morse Code proficiency examinations for all candidates for an Amateur license with high frequency operating privileges. The United States says that its time to remove the Morse testing requirement and leave the decision as whether or not to test for code up to individual I-T-U member nations. (W5YI)

RFI Problem with Winegard Amplified TV Antenna

FCC cites RV owners in RFI complaint: The FCC has told an Oregon couple to stop using its Winegard amplified television antenna (Model Sensar/Roadstar) on their recreational vehicle "until the condition causing harmful interference has been corrected." The FCC contacted Jimmy and Jan Bowen of Gresham, Oregon, following a February 3, RFI complaint from an Amateur Radio operator to the FCC Portland office.

The interference was reported on 447.375 MHz. An FCC agent investigating the allegation tracked the interfering signal to the Bowen's RV in Portland. The FCC cited Part 15 rules and noted that certain Winegard antenna amplifiers "have been the source of radio frequency interference in a number of cases." Due to the complaints, Winegard at <http://www.winegard.com> has agreed to replace defective units at no charge. The FCC advised the couple to contact Winegard to make necessary arrangements.



VE TEAM REPORT

by Norma Vanderhoff, W3CG

Time passes swiftly and our RAE ARRL VEC VE Team completed their 18th year as of the January 4th test session. With less people testing today, some radio club VE Teams have been scheduling test sessions for every 3 or 6 months, and some are scheduling whenever there is a need and by pre-registration. We have made a change for 2003 and testing will also be by pre-registration. It is only a matter of contacting us and then a test session will be set up with the location, time and place being at the convenience of those wishing to test and the VEs.

Another change made for this year is that Rob Jacobs N3OCL is now the ARRL VEC VE Liaison. Anyone wishing to test may contact Rob at n3ocl@velocity.net or phone 814-438-7804 or w3cg@tbscc.com or phone 814-665-9124. We also welcome Ralph Miller N3LXG as a new VE.

The February test session was held at the Kuhl Hose Fire Co. on Route 8. James Yunker N8KXG of Jefferson, Ohio earned a General Class license. The VEs at this session were Don Otto WD8OCV, Pete Albright AA2AD, and Rob N3OCL.

A Big Thanks!

A big thanks goes out to everyone who contributed articles or pictures for this newsletter. If you would like to send anything just drop me a line via e-mail or snail mail.

73

John N3NKV

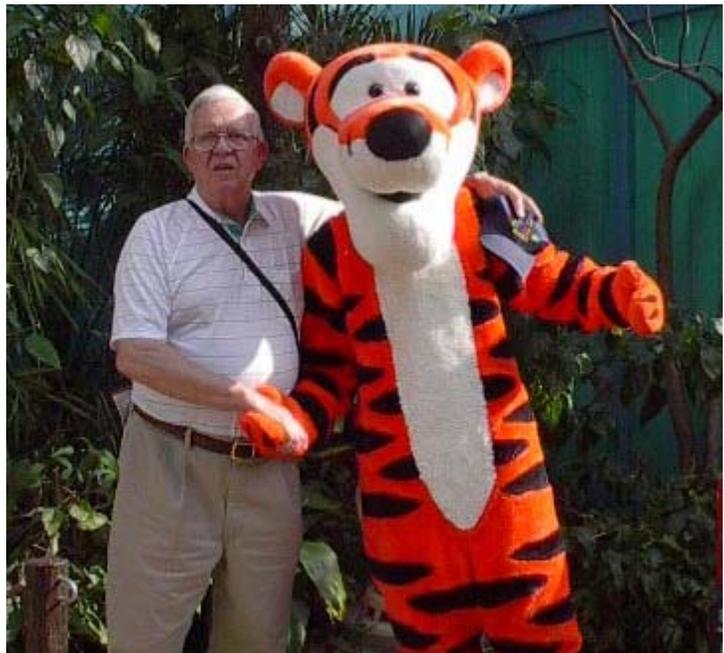
President's Column

Many thanks for the good turnout at March's meeting which we hope that people will use it as a place for ham radio "gabbing" will as a business meeting. Great help we had for the VFW/RAC breakfast on Feb 23rd at the VFW club as the weather wasn't very cooperative, but being short volunteers for both shifts a lot of people stepped up and worked 2 shifts, others stayed over and worked some of the 2nd shift to keep us going. We did not have the big crowd due to the weather, but Bob Sanders rewarded the club with a very generous check. Our next breakfast is Sunday, May 18th and we need to have people step up and volunteer as that is the Dayton Hamfest weekend and we will be short a lot of those who are always there to help. The income from these breakfasts are very helpful to pay the club's expenditures.

Also thanks for the members who step up and volunteer to run the Thursday night 2 meter net at 8pm. We need volunteers for April and rest of the year. Remember that you don't have to be perfect and mistakes are part of the fun we all have though, some people we know figure you have to be perfect but this is a fun hobby, HAM RADIO.

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Frank Cutshaw
KE3PD



Tigger K3TGR had an eyeball QSO with Bob K3SBU at Disney's Animal Kingdom recently.



JOTA.....

The Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air went on as scheduled this year. The weather was extremely cold and very windy and rainy with ice pellets in the air. This slowed down the turn out of the scouts but there were still enough to make it worth while. We had some really good signals coming in but there were so many people on the air it was really hard to make a good contact. Rich (WA1YJZ) and Larry (WA3PGL) worked very hard in the early morning hours to get the antennas up . (about 7:00 A M). I don't know how they did it because it was so cold. By the time I arrived at the 9:00 there were plenty of scouts around eating breakfast. Hal (WD4OOX) fixed up the rig and we were on our way. The wind was blowing so hard you had to talk loud to the person setting next to you. We had a great time explaining ham radio to the boys. Thanks to Chuck Porter (N3LVB) from Titusville, he did a great job helping the boys. Also a big Thank You to Jim Froncek (KA3RDA) and his son who came down from Harborcreek to help. The bottom line is when one of those little boys walk up to you and say Thank You that makes it all worth while. At lunch time we were treated to a bowl of hot chili and a sandwich. Thanks to all the Club Members that came out in the cold weather to help. Maybe next year the weather might be better than this year..... 73 Jim WT30

MJ/K3PLV Expedition scheduled for March 19th through 25

Craig K3PLV will be operating again from the country of Jersey from March 19 through March 24. He will be using the call MJ/K3PLV. His friend Pete from the upper peninsula of Michigan will sign as MJ/K8PT. They expect to be on all bands 160 - 10 meters including the WARC bands and will operate SSB, CW, and RTTY. Craig and Pete would enjoy working some of the club members. To find them on the bands, you can check with a DX packet cluster or use the internet. On the internet you can use telnet://dx.n3ra.com or go to <http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/> and look at the latest 250 spots. Craig expects to try to concentrate on the lower bands for the USA, but on the weekend he will also be on the higher HF bands.

About the Country of Jersey



Jersey – the most southerly island of the British Isles. Located some 100 miles (160 km) south of mainland Britain yet only 14 miles from the coast of France.

The island of Jersey and the other Channel Islands represent the last remnants of the medieval Dukedom of Normandy that held sway in both France and England. These islands were the only British soil occupied by German troops in World War II.

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2003 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by President Frank KE3PD with only 7 members present. Roll Call of Officers: President KE3PD, VP WB3AYW and Secretary WD4OOX.

Minutes of the 5 Nov 02 meeting were read and a change was made to include Joanna Rater N3WNS was added as worker for Xmas dinner. Minutes were then approved.

There was no treasurer's report due to absence of N3GCY.

Calendar review: Upcoming VFW breakfast was discussed and that at least 2 more volunteers were needed for second shift.

Correspondence and bills: The list of current club members had been given to the Red Cross.

Reports: Repeater - It was reported that the 440 repeater was repaired and was up and running by WT3O.

It was also reported that a net manager was needed for 2 mtr net.

It was discussed that the secretary should send reminder notices to members who have not as yet paid their 2003 dues.

There was a discussion about making life member cards for those who are and will become eligible for life membership in RAC. N3GCY was directed to print cards for those members.

There was a discussion about emergency power at the Red Cross for the HF equipment and that the HF equipment was hooked to same. WB3AYW to talk to Danielle Smith of the Red Cross. There was a discussion about repeater for the Red Cross on 146.610 WT3O to find out about the emergency connection to Red Cross in Erie.

50/50 drawing was won by WB3AYW.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by

Harold Cole WD400X
Secretary, Radio Amateurs of Corry

February 2003 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Leonard WB3AYW at 7:40 pm with 4 members present. Roll Call of Officers: VP WB3AYW, Secretary WD4OOX.

Minutes of the 1/6/03 meeting were approved as read.

Committee Report.:RAC Audit Report as follows: The 2003 audit report of the treasurers books took place at Mike Dziubkowski's (N3GCY) home on Sat. Jan. 25, 2003. Those present for the audit were Leonard Shick (WB3AYW) and Jim Adams (WT3O) assisting in the audit report. Witnesses were Mike Dziubkowski and Jim Szymanowski. All the records were well kept by Mike and all the receipts were in good order. The only thing that we found that needed to be corrected was the return address on the insurance papers for liability insurance. Jerry Owens was on the insurance instead of the club's address. This must be corrected as soon as possible.

Old Business: VFW Breakfast on 2/23/03 - Jim WT3O advised that announcements were to be placed around to various businesses and other locations as well as the Cable TV station.

Since there were only 4 members present no issues could be voted on as there was no quorum present.

There was no 50/50.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

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Field Day 2002

First of all I want to say a big Thank You to all the folks that were such a big help at the 2002 Field Day exercise. This year there were a few new challenges to take on. The one most important was we would get extra points for a police officer, member of the Red Cross, Salvation Army or any V.I.P. from the ARRL. Well the first thing that came to mind was a few years back when Bernie Fuller stopped in and surprised us all. We had a good time visiting with him back then when he was the Western PA section leader for the ARRL. So I sat down and wrote him a letter and reminded him of that day and asked if he had time would he consider stopping by this year. Well as our day one of field day progressed, we were busy making contacts and munching on some goodies, when all of a sudden in walked Bernie Fuller. What a great surprise to see him. Being the Atlantic Division Director for the ARRL hasn't changed him one bit. He filled us in on a lot of things going on and etc. He looked over our set-up and told us that it looked really good, said 73 and was on his way. So that visit got us some extra points that day. Not very many Field Days got a visit from that important person. Its fun to make lot of points at Field Day but that's only part of the unlimited fun you can have. Its going to be hard to beat this one but I bet we will think of something. Thanks again this year to Ron Ploss(N3KLN) for donating his generator for the club to use on Field Day.— Jim WT3O

Time Capsule – July 10, 1988

AMATEUR RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

By **NORMA VANDERHOFF W3CG**

WILLIS COOK KD3II of Spartansburg has the latest advanced call issued in our area—and it took 15 weeks for it to arrive.

WHEN SPECIAL EVENT STATION W3MIE, Meadville, went on the air during the Meadville air show last weekend, the first two stations to contact it were from Japan.

MIKE CAPUTA K3YAK had a large display of model airplanes at the Meadville Air Show.

UPGRADES from the July VE test session were **MICHAEL ORELSKI KA3SKC** of Erie who passed general; **KATHLEEN DUDA** of Erie who passed technician; **VICTOR WASHY KB2BDK** of Gowanda, N.Y. who passed technician; **ALBERT HEIL KA3SKX** of Guys Mills who also passed technician; and partial upgrades who will be listed in a future column when the class of license is completed. The next test session will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, in Erie.

AMONG those attending the Corry Radio Club picnic recently were **CECIL MESSINGER W3AGF** and his wife from Florida and **JANE THOMAS KA3RTL** of Union City.

ROBERT HUSON KA3OEM of Meadville, the ARRL state government liaison for western Pennsylvania, successfully had legislation introduced (House Bill No. 2543) that will allow special plates to be issued to amateur radio operators who apply for them. The plates will bear the operator's call sign and the words "Amateur Radio Operator" across the bottom.

The bill, submitted June 6, has made it through the Transportation Committee and will be in the state House of Representatives shortly. Following passage there, it will proceed to the state Senate. The final step would be the signature of Gov. Robert Casey. It is essential that amateur radio operators get in touch with their state representatives and senators now to lobby for this bill.

THE ARRL'S sister society, The Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB), will host its national convention and 75th anniversary celebration Friday through Sunday near Birmingham, England. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, is scheduled to make an appearance. Station GB75AC will be operating around

the clock through Sunday as a special event station commemorating the event.

GERRY OWENS AB3X has a new 85-foot tower going up.

REPEATER 147.21 in Meadville will be on the air within a month with a new Motorola.

TODAY is the last day to work special event stations. **WD5HPU**, **WA5LTM** and other stations that officially operate from Lake Canton, Okla., for the annual IARU Radiosport DX contest. A commemorative certificate for contacts with the stations may be obtained by sending a QSL and large envelope to Lake Canton F.D., Tim Mauldin, **WA5LTM**, P.O. Box 19097, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73144.

Listen in the general phone portions of 40/20/15/12- and 10-meter bands. Contact enthusiasts should also note that Lake Canton is in Blaine County and the second event included occurs in grid square EM-06, both of which are popular contacts when heard on the bands.

DAVE HENDERSON N3EOY conducted a very informative session on net protocol during the Sunday evening sky warn net. This net is on every Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

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Club meetings are on the first Tuesday of each
month at the American Red Cross Building in Corry.

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2003 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE RADIO AMATEURS OF CORRY 2003

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Address _____ Phone Number _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ ARRL Member (yes / no)

E-mail address _____

I would like my newsletter sent via (e-mail in Adobe Acrobat format / US Mail)

Personal web site address: _____

We maintain a list of member's favorite interests in the Club database. If you care to, tell us some of the things you like to do. This could be radio or non-radio related. (some of the ones we have received include: computer, gardening, antennas, Skywarn, traffic nets, woodcarver, etc.)

Interests: _____

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