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Upcoming Events

**Tuesday
Nov. 4**

**Club Mtg &
2003 Elections**

**Saturday
Dec. 14**

**Christmas Party
Country Foods
Restaurant**

**Sunday
Jan. 18**

VFW Breakfast

73 MAGAZINE SAYS "73 AND QRT"

After completing 43 years of publication, 73 Amateur Radio Today magazine is calling it quits. Plans to publish a joint October/November issue fell through this week, and the September 2003 issue was the magazine's last. According to self-proclaimed "El Supremo and Founder" Wayne S. Green II, W2NSD, it was a simple matter of economics. "After failing a last minute effort to collect on some larger accounts receivable we decided yesterday to throw in the towel--that the September issue will have to be the last," Green told ARRL October 9. "SK after 43 years of publishing."

The first issue of 73 was published in October 1960 from what Green--a former editor of CQ--once described as "a small, dingy apartment" in Brooklyn, New York. Since the summer of 1962, 73 has been based in Peterborough, New Hampshire--Green's home state. The magazine was a pioneer promoter of SSB, FM, solid-state, easy construction projects and the marriage of personal computing and Amateur Radio. His interest in microcomputing led Green in 1975 to found Byte, a magazine devoted to the then-nascent and largely do-it-yourself computer hobby.

At the peak of its popularity in the 1970s and 1980s, individual issues of 73 totaled more than 300 pages of ads, articles and commentary. Heading each issue was Green's inimitable "Never Say Die"--some would say never-ending--editorial, in which he rarely missed an opportunity to tweak the ARRL and his magazine competitors for their perceived shortcomings. QST Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY, says 73 published his first article in the 1970s. "I was saddened to hear that 73 has ceased publishing," Ford said. "Wayne's excitement about the growing amateur FM repeater phenomenon at the time was infectious." Green's 73 editorials and regular round of personal appearances originally concentrated on Amateur Radio and his ideas to improve, advance and grow it. In recent years, however, they've veered into conspiracy theories, cures for cancer, AIDS and other ailments and Green's proliferation of book titles on those topics. Green says he'll continue his essays on his Web site <http://www.waynegrain.com/> "for those subscribers who mainly bought the magazine for them." He told ARRL that no definite arrangements have been made yet about how to handle outstanding 73 subscriptions. CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said he takes no joy from the passing of 73. "The loss of any publication serving Amateur Radio leaves all of us a bit poorer," he said. "Thank you, Wayne, for 43 entertaining, informative, sometimes infuriating, and always interesting years of 73. We'll genuinely miss it."



-ARRL

President's Column

Well here we are into World Series and Football Seasons with of course the prospect of some "white stuff" falling soon to stick on. HF sure is getting hot again and best wishes to those who upgrade to use these HF bands. Remember our Breakfast at the Corry VFW on January 18th and let's have a good turn out for breakfast and work crews as the VFW are very liberal in their sharing the proceeds from the breakfast. See you all at the meetings and don't forget that it's just about time to elect new officers. Welcome to the new member, Bob Morgan who just got his license a couple of weeks ago.

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Frank KE3PD

VE Testing Update

During the summer months. 12 candidates were tested and 13 exams were given.

On June 12th 2003, a VE Session was held during the Union City Wireless Association regular meeting. Mike Lohse, N3MLY earned a partial upgrade by passing element 3. Paul Kucnick, KB3JXS earned a Tech License and William Marshall earned a General Class license by passing element 3. Volunteer Examiners helping administer this test session were Dave Wellman, WX3E, Pete Albright, AA2AD and Jerry Owens, W3GHO.

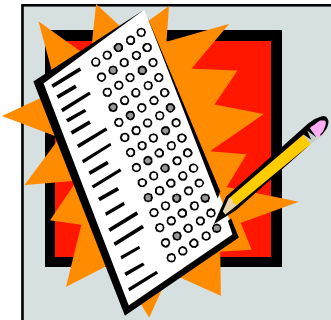
On June 21st, a VE session was held prior to the Radio Association of Erie regular meeting at the EOC building. Gene R. Brinig, KB3JZL earned a Tech License by passing Element 2. Bob Fuller, N3LBI upgraded to Amateur Extra and Mary Wolski, KB3JZM earned a Technician Class License. Volunteer Examiners helping administer this test session were Diane Miller, K3LD, Debbie Robson KB3B and Rob Jacobs N3OCL

On July 10th 2003, a VE Session was held during the Union City Wireless Association regular meeting. Duane P. Jones, KA3CUR upgraded to General. Volunteer Examiners helping administer this test session were Jerry Owens, W3GHO, Pete Albright AA2AD and Rob Jacobs N3OCL.

On July 12th, a VE Session was held at the Union City Wireless Association Hamfest. David Lee Yochim, KB3KBB earned a Technician Class License. Volunteer Examiners helping administer this test session were Bill Young W7RVY, Gerald Owens, W3GHO and Rob Jacobs N3OCL

On September 11th, a VE Session was held at during the Union City Wireless Association regular meeting. Robert D. Morgan, KB3KFJ earned a Technician Class license and Lawrence Dipzinski, KB2ESY passed Element 3 and 4 earning Amateur Extra. Volunteer Examiners helping administer this test session were Jerry Owens W3GHO, Deb Nelson N3MQ and Rob Jacobs N3OCL.

A VE Session can be held at various locations. For more information on a VE Session, contact Rob Jacobs, N3OCL at 814-881-5238 or contact him by e-mail at n3ocl@velocity.net



Nearby VE Test Sessions

Gannon Wireless Society

VE Exam dates for this winter:

- October 18
- November 15
- December 20

Location: A.J. Palumbo Academic Center at the corner of West 8th and Peach Sts.

Check www.qsl.net/wn3m for maps and directions

- 12:00 Noon - Fill out paperwork
- 12:30 PM - Examinations start

Fort Venango Mike and Key Club VE Test

The next VE test session of the Fort Venango Mike & Key Club Inc. will be on Saturday November 15, 2003 at 9 am at the American Red Cross office located in the (KTC) Klapac Trucking Bldg. on Rte.8 & 62 in Reno, Pa. between Franklin & Oil City. Walk inn's are welcome. For more information: contact Hugh N3MBR via e-mail at n3mbr@mymailstation.com



From the Secretary's Desk

Back in 1962 JFK said in his inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country". This bears true for our the RAC, What can you do for your club,. It seems that we do not get the members out to the meeting that we should and I am at a loss as to why. One hour or so once a month is not a lot to ask. If I can interrupt my evening work schedule to attend the meeting I feel that anyone can attend. except for those who have difficulty with night driving or no transportation. If you have any suggestions. please tell me. Also for those who do not know - I have changed my call sign from WD400X to KD3HAL.

WE DO NEED TO HAVE MEMBERS PRESENT AT



The annual Radio Amateurs of Corry Christmas Party will be held at Country Foods Restaurant on December 13th. The menu will be discussed at the November Club Meeting.

Minutes for 8/4/03 meeting of RAC

- Meeting was started by President KE3PD at 7:30pm with 10 members present.
- Roll Call of Officers: President, Vice President and Secretary.
- Treasurers Report: No Treasurers report due to absence of Treasurer.
- Repeater Report: Grass was mowed at the repeater site, also batteries were checked and all systems were OK.
- New Business: Newsletter set for Sept. Publication.
- Western PA Repeater Council report concerned the illegal operation of repeaters and malicious interference by licensed hams. Any of this should be reported to Riley Hollingsworth of the FCC.
- WT3O attended the Wayne Township Emergency Council Meeting concerning emergency operations within the township and presented information as to what roll the local hams could provide. Sparky Warner, Emergency Coordinator will let WT3O the decisions made.
- WT3O notified the club that Rich Frontera N4WCK of Naylor, GA had become a silent key. Rich had always checked in to the 10 meter net.
- The club received a thank you card from WT3Os XYL for the flowers sent to family of father.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm by N2PCN and N3NKV.
- 50/50 won by N2PCN

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Minutes for 9/2/03 meeting of RAC

- The meeting was not started due to the fact that there was not a quorum present. Officers present were: President and Secretary and a total of 4 members plus a guest, who became a member.

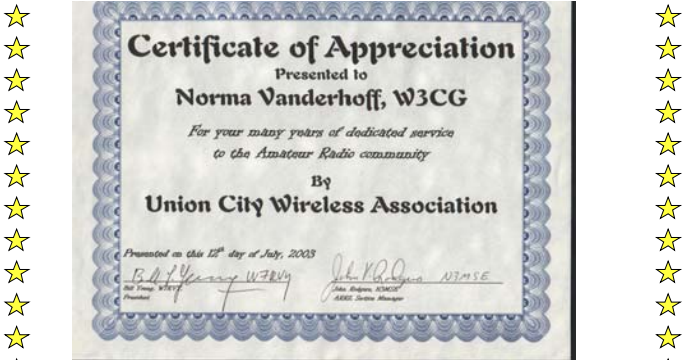
Harold Cole Jr. Secretary KD3HAL

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"Keep your city beautiful... grow Aluminum!" ... adapted from N8YYS

Unapproved Minutes for 10/7/03 meeting of RAC

- Meeting was started by President KE3PD at 7:30pm with 8 members present.
- Roll Call of Officers: President, Secretary.
- Minutes of 8/4/03 were read and approved as read.
- Treasurers report was given by KD3HAL as follows: Checking Acct. Bal. \$994.22, Savings Acct Bal. \$1186.30, Expenses to date were \$948.47.
- Repeater Report: No report was given.
- Old Business: There was no old business to be discussed.
- New Business: A motion was made by Norma W3CG and seconded by Herb N2PCN to donate \$100 to Jerry KC2AUS and Debbie N2MQ toward expenses for their son who has leukemia, Passed
- N3NKV needs material for newsletter by 10/14/03
- A motion was made by N3LXG and seconded by W3CG to have a Christmas party. Location to be at Country Foods on 12/13/03 if that date was available.
- JOTA will be held at Elgin Park on 10/18/03 at 9am. WT3O reported that several members will be in attendance.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by N2PCN and N3LXG
- 50/50 was won by WT3O \$5.00 and \$5.00 for club.
- Submitted by KD3HAL



At the Union City Hamfest, Norma Vanderhoff W3CG was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedicated service to the amateur radio community. It was presented on behalf of the Union City Wireless Association.

Cell phones at the pump could make for a bad call

BY DAN PILLER
Knight Ridder News Service

Can your cell phone make a gasoline pump explode while you're filling up your car? The Internet has been abuzz recently with a warning purportedly from Shell Oil that cell phones could cause gas-pump conflagrations. But Shell says officially that while there have been a few fires at pumps, there is no conclusive evidence of the ignition source. "We do not wish to speculate on possible linkage of any specific incident of mobile-phone use," Shell says. Shell will say only that people shouldn't use cell phones while refueling "because it may divert concentration and lead to possible spills and accidents."



The concern seems to be worldwide. India took the matter seriously enough to ban cell phones at gas pumps. India's Oil Industry Safety Directorate warned that sparks from cell phone batteries might touch off pumps. Australia and the United Kingdom briefly pondered bans, then backed off. Closer to home, the University of Oklahoma's Center for the Study of Wireless Electromagnetic Compatibility said two years ago that "virtually no evidence exists to suggest that cell phones pose a hazard at gas stations." The researchers said they didn't think the matter merited further study.

Shell Oil does have some other tips about safety while you're filling up:

- Don't smoke within 10 feet of a gasoline pump.
- Don't leave your engine running when refueling.
- Don't jam the pump nozzle open when you're refueling.
- Don't allow children to play around pump islands or to hold or activate the pump nozzle.
- Use only approved containers to carry fuel.
- Treat all fuels with respect.
- Store them in approved containers in clean, well-ventilated places, handle them with great care and use them only as motor fuel.

This article appeared in the Miami Herald on 10/02/03.

Quick ARRL WPA Section News



I was recent on Western PA section website and saw that there were some changes in the WPA section for the ARRL.

The new section manager for Western PA is:

Richard E. Beaver, N3SRJ
4 A Cardinal Drive
Jeannette, PA 15644
724-523-5656
n3srj@arrl.org

The Western PA section now has a web site at www.wpasec.com

The Simulated Emergency Test for Western PA will be held on Saturday Nov. 1st. Listen to the ARES net at 9pm on Sunday nights on the 146.70 repeater in Union City or the 146.610 repeater in Erie.

ARRL Audio News is also being retransmitted at 9:30 pm on the 146.70 and 147.27 repeaters courtesy of Lee N3APP.



Cecil Messinger W3AGF/SK

The Radio Amateurs of Corry are sad to announce the passing of Cecil Messinger W3AGF. Cecil was a charter member of the Radio Amateurs of Corry. Cecil moved to Port Orange, Florida. He was retired from the Pennsylvania Electric Company. The Radio Amateurs of Corry would like to pass on their deepest condolences to the family.

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Were online at
www.qsl.net/w3yxe

Renew your RAC Membership Today!

2004 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE RADIO AMATEURS OF CORRY 2004

Name _____ Call _____ License _____

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 _____

Mail along with \$5 dues for 2004 to:
RADIO AMATEURS OF CORRY
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