

McKean County Amateur Radio Club



APRIL 2018 NEWS LETTER

First, as most of you know I had an injury in January that kept me out of the game for a while. I am doing much better now, not to the 100% level but a lot better than I was in early January.

NOTE: Our Club Secretary/Treasurer is ill, so please keep her and Don in thoughts and prayers.

The McKean County Department of Emergency Services Held a Technician class and we had all 6 students pass the test, one student also passed the general test. The new Technicians are: Mitchell Barker, Ronald Barker, Brad Binder, David Niegowski and Steve Niegowski. The new General is Joe Hoffman. No call signs available at press time (I have always want to say that☺) but soon. Please welcome them and look for them on the air soon. The General class starts on March 31 and the test date is May 12. If anyone is interested please let me know ASAP as we need to get more books ordered. Classes are in the DES, 911 center 17175 Rt. 6 in Smethport from 0900 to 1600 on every Saturdays. We will cover not only the material in the book so you can pass the test and get a license, we will also do a lot of hands on and demonstrations. Plus homework!! Our intent is to not only get you licensed but we want you to have a better understanding of radio and electronics. This will prepare you to be a better radio operator. Contact Bruce Manning NJ3K at bmanning@zitomedia.net for more information and to register. I have had a busy time on the air lately.

Who says you need a kilowatt and a tower with a beam to work DX. I have a mobile QRP (5 watts) CW station in my car. So I started a quest, see if I can get DXCC, CW, QRP, mobile. I installed the radio back in June 2017. I now have 57 countries. So I still have a long way to go.

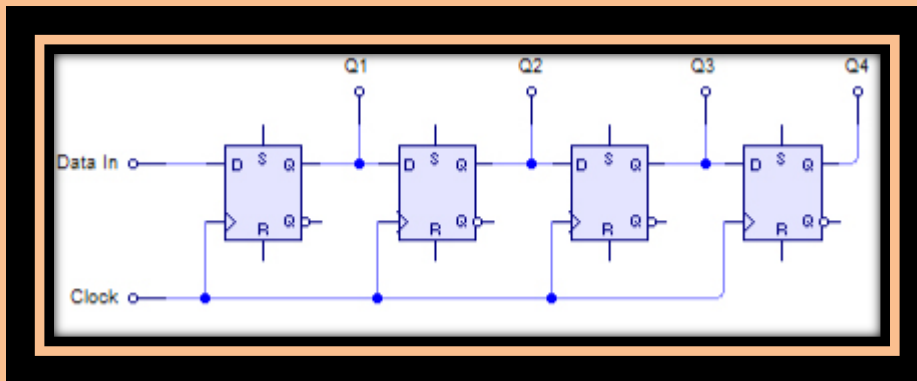
The Potter County Radio Club is planning an activity for August 25. We would like to hold a public demonstration of Amateur Radio at the Patterson State Park. Our tentative plans as of now are, set up 3 stations, for phone digital, and CW. Put up some banners to hopefully attract some visitors. Have some brochures to hand out and some folks to answer questions. There are 2 state

QSO parties that day, Ohio and Hawaii, also the Parks On The Air event so we should be able to round up a few people to talk to. As always the more the merrier, and we can always use some help. If interested please contact me bmannings@zotomedia.net



Real Radio from the 1920's

What is the below circuit? And what can it be used for? Send your answers to me bmannings@zitomedia.net



The McKean County Radio Club Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday at 1900 at the McKean County Department of Emergency Services building. 17175 Rt. 6, Smethport, Pa 16749.

Potter County Club meeting will be April 3, 2018, at the Gunzburger Building at 1900.

Up Coming Events

Hamfest: Summer is just around the corner so we are starting to see some hamfests.

Hamfest/Convention

04/08/2018 | [TRARC's 47th Hamfest/Computer Show](#)

Location: Boston, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Two Rivers Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://trarc.net>

Hamfest/Convention

04/07/2018 | [Bull Thistle Hamfest](#)

Location: Norwich, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Chenango Valley Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.cvara.net/>

Hamfest/Convention

04/21/2018 | [DRUMLINS ARC HAMFEST](#)

Location: Palmyra, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Drumlins Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://drumlinsarc.us>

Contests:

Field Day will be here soon it's never too early to start planning.

<http://www.contesting.com/>

Another note: If you have QSL cards to be checked for DXCC, (including 160 meters) WAS or VUCC I can do this. Contact me at bmanning@zitomedia.net

Meeting Reminder: HARC meeting is April 3, 2018 7PM at the Gunzburger building.

As always if you have something you want me to include in the newsletter please let me know. Send it to bmanning@zitomedia.net

73 Bruce NJ3K