

McKean County Amateur Radio Club



DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Contests, In the past month there have been a few contests. The ARRL Sweepstakes, The CQ World Wide CW and the ARRL 160 meter contest. The Sweepstakes is one of the oldest contests there is. The exchange makes it interesting and slows it down a bit too. You need to send Serial number, Precedence, this is the category you are in "A" for me-low power, your call, Last 2 digits of the first year you were licensed, and your ARRL section. So my sent exchange looked like this **001, A, NJ3K, 72, WPA**. I managed 315 QSO's in the contest. The next event was the CQ World Wide CW contest. This is the biggest contest in the CW category, with well over 7,000 participants. I only managed 401 QSO's in this one. The ARRL 160 contest is happening right now as I write this, so why am I not working the contest? Remember its 160 meters! So far I have managed 443 QSO's. Last year I had over 600 so a ways to go.

Christmas Party Is Sunday December 15 at the EMA/911 building in Smethport.

This is from Sandee N3HPL;

Good Evening,

I want to remind everybody that the Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2 PM at the McKean County Department of Emergency Services Building in Smethport, PA. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. Please let Tony, N3KTA, know what you are bringing so we can avoid duplicates. You can contact him at tones@rocketmail.com. Here is the current list of items:

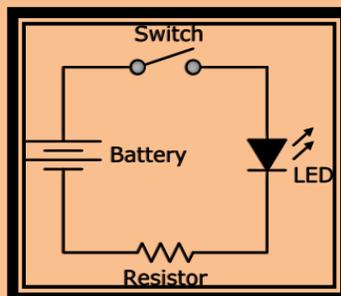
Feel free to bring your family or a friend to this wonderful gathering of food and fellowship. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the party!

73,

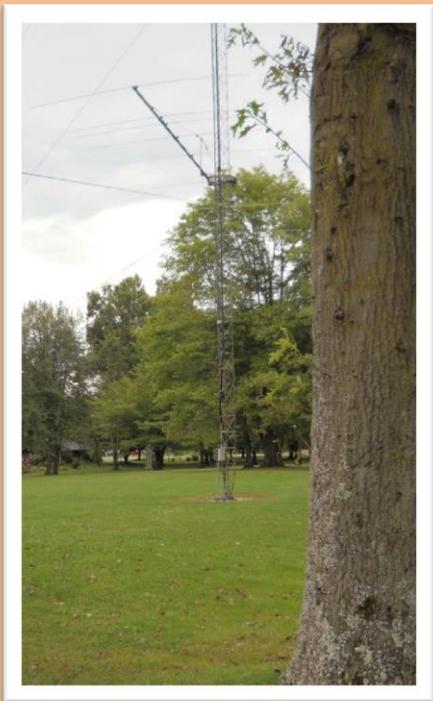
Sandee N3HPL

I am looking forward to another great time meeting and swapping stories with my fellow Amateur Radio Friends. It seems like the after meeting get together are as informative and almost as enjoyable as the meeting. Well the Christmas party will be mostly just that, chatting and maybe some planning for the upcoming year. Try bring along some ideas and maybe some projects for your station for 2020.

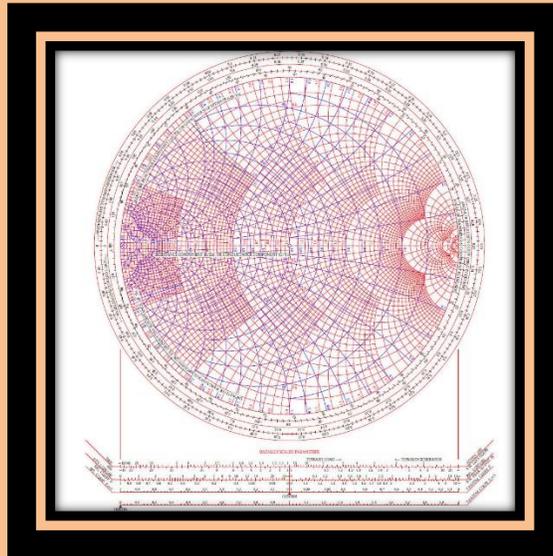


What does the resistor do?

Another picture or two from our trip to K3LR. These are from Carole KC2CMC



SMITH CAHRT; At the breakfast get together on December 14 at the Light House Restaurant in Bradford I will be presenting a short? 1/2 hour plus, power point on the Smith chart. I will present only a few things you can do with this chart as to do the chart justice would take many hours. So brush up on your questions about this tool and I will try not to put you to sleep.



Spread the word about the classes. The book ordering deadline is fast approaching. We may end up cancelling the Technician and General class. Why? I only have one for Tech and one for General. I have 6 for the Amateur Extra. If anyone is interested please have them contact me directly at bmanning@zitomedia.net or 814-331-3095.

This is from our president.

Bruce can you please put this in the Newsletter again

For Sale

MFJ-993B Intellituner Automatic Antenna Tuner, Power Supply and Instruction Manual



\$150.00 or near Offer

Contact Sandy Hallows KB3SVH 814-203-1539 or email Sandhall@hotmail.com

Thanks

Sandy

If anyone is interested in attending 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.

Upcoming Events

Hamfest: If you attend a Hamfest, send me a report and some pictures I am sure are readers would be interested. **Even fewer this month**, as Snow is just around the corner.

Hamfest/Convention

01/11/2020 | [Marathon Winter Hamfest](#)

Location: Marathon, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Skyline Amateur Radio Club of Cortland

Website: www.skylineradioclub.org

Hamfest/Convention

01/25/2020 | [Lockport ARA Winter Hamfest](#)

Location: Lockport, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lockport Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.lockportara.us>

Contests:

See WB7ANM for information on contests.

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

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