

McKean County Amateur Radio Club



JUNE 2017 NEWS LETTER

The McKean County DES General class is over. We now have 5 New General Class Amateur Radio Licensees' in the area. I want to thank all the students for taking the time to complete the task. On a personal note, I hear several are learning CW, Way To GO!!

Field Day is just a few weeks away and I will be headed to Rhode Island to operate with the Newport County Radio Club again this year. This will make over 20 years I have been driving the 1,000 + miles to set in a tent and sweat and listen to "Beeps". Never said I was normal.

I am now operating mobile QRP CW. WOW is it a blast. I have my KX3 in the car running 5 watts and a put together out of parts antenna. I have made 27 QSO's so far and several DX DL, VE, VP5, LZ, OL, CU and of course several from the USA. With just 5 watts!!

Here are some photos of the set up.



I am really amazed this works.

The McKean County DES Communications trailer is coming along nicely. We had a work session on May 27 and got a lot accomplished.



Dayton Hamvention 2017. This was the first year at the new location, Greene County Fair Grounds near Xenia, and there was some good thing and some not so good things.

Bad stuff.... We left the motel for should have been about a 20 minute drive getting to the front gate at about 0850. Gate opens at 0900. We got to the gate at 1045. The last 2.5 miles took over 2 hours. People were getting off of the shuttle buses and walking the last 1.5 miles. MUD! Of course DARA has no control over the weather. There was onsite parking but they eliminated about half of it for Saturday and all, except handicapped parking, on Sunday. The flea market was mostly set up in the infield. I went there Saturday morning and it was too muddy then. Then it rained Saturday afternoon and rained again Saturday night. I did not try the flea market on Sunday.

Good stuff and there was plenty of it. FOOD!!! Hara Arena only had a few choices of food the Greene County Fair Grounds had lots. You had to wait in line for a few minutes but it was worth it. The indoor exhibits were laid out well, a little small in some ways but more than adequate. The offsite parking worked well, I used this on Saturday and Sunday. Lots of places for us old folks to set. In and around all the buildings and in the flea market. This a big improvement over Hara.



One of the events in 2016 was the **ARRL NPOTA**. Several of us got together on Saturday in Xenia for dinner. I was so nice to meet face to face with some of the great Amateurs from this event. I even got some cookies from Emily KB3VVE



Emily KB3VVE on the right. The cookie lady!

A lot of the NPOTA folks have migrated to POTA.
Oh one more bad thing.....I spent too much so don't tell Peggy.

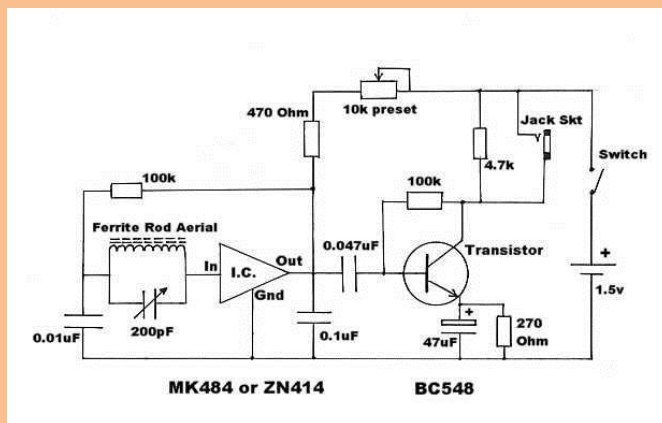
I finally got a submission for the newsletter. Thank you Judy KA3EAT

Hello, my name is Judy Orzetti, KA3EAT and I live in Elk County in a little town called James City. Just one of the benefits about being a ham radio operator is talking to others either by radio, internet or face to face. One of the questions that I like to ask is why did you become a ham radio operator. There are many answers to this question and I am asking everyone that reads this to share their stories. Please send them to the editor of this newsletter.

If you like to read my story please read on. I received my license for ham radio before I received my license to drive, I was 15 years old. At that time in my life I was a good girl that liked to bend the rules a little, however I seemed to get caught and spent lots of time being grounded and having to stay home. Being grounded I looked for any opportunity to get out of the house. My brother Guy was going to head out to his friend's house and I talked my mother in letting me go with him. When we got to his friends house I was introduced to Tom, it was love at first sight. Guy and Tom talked about going to this class in Ridgway which I did not know what this class was about and did not care. All I know was I wanted to be with Tom. At that time of being grounded my parents allowed me to go to this class because I told them that it would be educational then I found out it was a ham radio class. Boy what an education I received. Tom or Sparky which most ham's know him by, already had his novice class license WB3IGM and Guy received his KA3EAU who is now a silent key and my call KA3EAT. I have had my license since the late 70's. Through this time I have met and talked to so many people. We have built many friendships through the years and also lost many ham radio friends. That is how I became a ham radio operator. I hope that you share your story.

Peace and 73,

Judy Orzetti KA3EAT



What is the function of the 47 μF capacitor on the emitter of the npn transistor?

Up Coming Events

Hamfest: Lots of them, but is almost summer!

Hamfest/Convention

06/04/2017 | [Western Pennsylvania Section Convention](#)

Location: Prospect, PA
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: BreezeShooters Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.breezeshooters.org>

Hamfest/Convention

06/17/2017 | [CVARC HAMFEST 2017](#)

Location: Chambersburg, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Cumberland Valley Amateur Radio Club
Website: www.w3ach.org [Learn More](#)

Hamfest/Convention


07/02/2017 | [Somerset County PA Hamfest](#)

Location: Somerset, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Somerset County Amateur Radio Club (K3SMT)
Website: <http://www.k3smt.org>

Hamfest/Convention

06/03/2017 | [Rochester Hamfest 2017](#)

Location: Pittsford, NY
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Rochester Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://www.rochesterham.org/hamfest.htm>
[Learn More](#)



The PROS Repeater
Pioneer Radio Operators Society
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Hamfest Notice

P.R.O.S. HAMFEST
Formerly, The Chaffee Country Hamboree
HAMFEST/CONVENTION
06/10/2017

Open To Vendors 7:00 am - Open to Public 8:00 am
Location:
Manion Park
9999 Grove Street
Chaffee, NY 14030
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/pionerradioperatorsociety.pros>
Sponsor:

Pioneer Radio Operator's Society
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 145.39- (no PL tone)
For More Information Contact:
Gary Tillinghast, KB2YAA,
tillfam180@verizon.net - (716) 592-9554

Hamfest/Convention

06/10/2017 | [27th Annual Bloomsburg Hamfest](#)

Location: Lime Ridge, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Columbia-Montour ARC

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/cm-arc/hamfest.htm>

[Learn More](#)

Hamfest/Convention

07/01/2017 | [Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Firecracker Hamfest](#)

Location: Harrisburg, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Harrisburg Radio Amateurs' Club

Website: <http://www.w3uu.org>

[Learn More](#)

Hamfest/Convention

06/10/2017 | [SARC Hamfest & Technology Fair](#)

Location: Cortland, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Skyline Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.skylineradioclub.org>

Contests:

ARRL Contests

June 2017

10-12 June VHF

18 Kids Day

24-25 Field Day

Alabama QSO Party

1600Z, Jun 3 to 0400Z, Jun 4

Stew Perry Topband Challenge

1500Z, Jun 17 to 1500Z, Jun 18

Also see <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php>

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

McKean County Radio Club meeting June 20, 2017. McKean DES Building, 17175 Rt. 6 Smethport, Pa. Meeting starts at 1900 (7pm) Elmer time starts at 1830 (6:30pm)

I will be presenting a power point on Smith Charts at the meeting
I will be presenting this at 1830 just before the meeting starts.

So bring your questions

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