

McKean County Amateur Radio Club

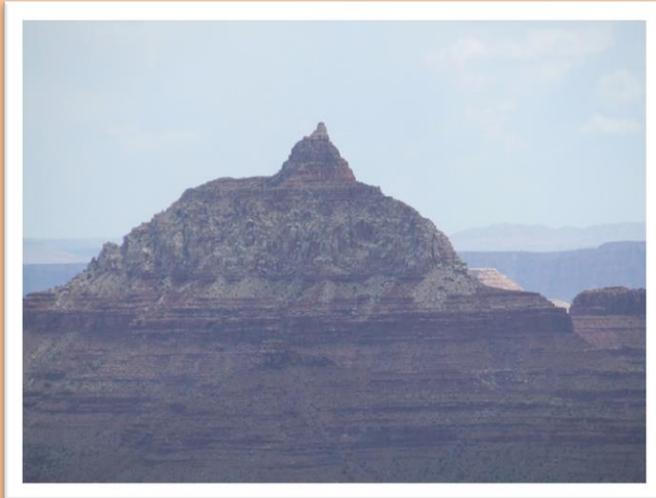
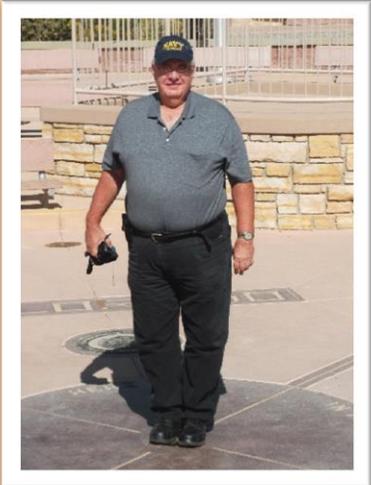


OCTOBER 2017 NEWS LETTER

Well our trip to the Big Ditch (Grand Canyon) is over, some statistics; 5144 miles, travel cost \$0.09 per mile, 13 different motels, more pictures then I can count. Other things learned, driving 75 – 80 mph kills your gas mileage, 70 mph was much better. If you plan on seeing anything on the way only drive 200 – 250 miles per day. I activated 7 different parks on the way for 78 QRP CW QSO's. 11 of these were from the Grand Canyon. Enjoy Pennsylvania's State Parks, some states charge to use their State Parks, we paid \$7.00 at one and \$9.00 at others. One more thing, U.S. Route 550 in South West Colorado between Durango and Ouray is a GREAT way to see Colorado's Rocky Mountains. You will travel through 3 mountain passes over 10,000 feet up. **BUT** it is the **scariest** road you will ever drive on. About 50 miles of sheer drop offs. No guard rails (can't have them because they need to get the snow off the road). Narrow road, if you drive over the white line you are dead, not "Oh my we need a tow" but DEAD.



Standing in four states at the same time, Utah, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. A picture of the Grand Canyon. (1 of a Several dozen we took ☺)



Has anyone made a contact with a POTA activator? Let me know if you have.



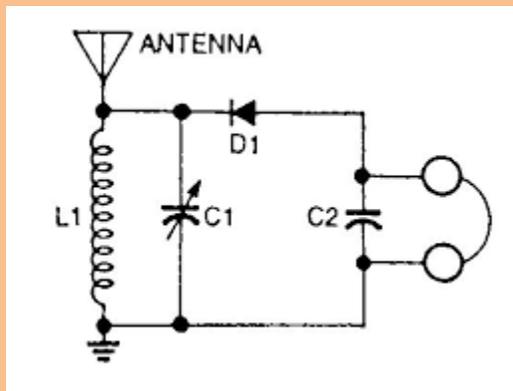
McKean County Club meeting will be October 17, at the McKean County 911/EMA Building at 1900.





The above picture is me in my early years operating mobile CW

What function does the diode perform?



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.

Up Coming Events

Hamfest: Not too many, snow will be here soon, I can hardly wait ☺

Hamfest/Convention

11/05/2017 | [WACOM 2017 HAMFEST](#)

Location: Washington, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Washington Amateur Communications
Website: <http://www.wacomarc.org>
[Learn More](#)

Hamfest/Convention

10/15/2017 | [Conneaut ARC Hamfest](#)

Location: Conneaut, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Conneaut Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.facebook.com/pg/W8BHZ/events/?ref=page_internal
[Learn More](#)

Hamfest/Convention

10/29/2017 | [Massillon ARC Hamfest](#)

Location: Massillon, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.w8np.org>
[Learn More](#)

And some people think Amateur Radio is just a hobby, Read part 97. See the below from the ARRL.

Part 97 : **Sec. 97.1 Basis and Purpose**

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) **Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.**
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for

advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.

(d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.

(e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

“Force of 50” Amateur Radio Volunteers Deploying Throughout Puerto Rico

10/02/2017

More than 20 of the “Force of 50” Amateur Radio volunteers now are deployed in storm-ravaged Puerto Rico as American Red Cross volunteers and wasting no time getting down to business. ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, said the volunteers, in general, will provide communications for local law enforcement and utility managers; island-to-mainland health-and-welfare traffic, which has been ongoing, and contact with the more remote areas of Puerto Rico, cut off from the capital of San Juan and not heard from since the Hurricane Maria hit on September 20. Thanks to fire officials in Juncos, all Amateur Radio operators and Red Cross volunteers have been guaranteed safe passage, food, shelter, and water at any fire station on the island, if needed.

ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, said volunteers initially gathered at the convention center in San Juan, which is serving as Puerto Rico Emergency Management Agency (PREMA) headquarters. Their first night, a local church offered accommodations, and volunteers slept on pews that had been pushed together.

According to one FEMA official, the White House situation room is extremely pleased and enthusiastic about the service Amateur Radio volunteers are providing in Puerto Rico.

Contests:

Pennsylvania QSO Party October 14 and 15.

Several members of the club will be operating the PAQSO party contest from Elk Lick Boy Scout Camp. We will be in the Orlos Lodge. Thanks to Chris for securing the building for us. The event starts on Saturday the 14 at noon and runs until 0100 Sunday. Then starts back up at 0900 Sunday and runs until 1800 Sunday. We will be setting up antennas Friday the 13th (GREAT!!!) in the afternoon and if you like you can spend the Saturday night in the lodge. There are beds, kitchen and bathrooms. We need operators and helpers and of course visitors, if interested contact Vice President Tony at tones@rocketmail.com This is a

great way to get your feet wet in HF Contesting, So please stop by and give a try at the Mic or Key. Even if you are shy, (we all were at one time) stop over and have some fun.

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: McKean County Radio Club meeting is November 17, 2017 7PM at the 911 EMA building in Smethport.

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