

## ATV repeater to be added in Washington

Dave Smith, N3LIK, announced at the May general meeting that an ATV repeater would be housed with the new 6.79 machine when it goes on line at the Mt. Wheeler site.

The new 2 meter repeater was purchased by the Washington County EMA office several years ago but had never been activated due to conflicts between the county and Dennis Presky, K3PSP, trustee of the 6.79 repeater. According to Dave, most of the problems have been resolved and Dave predicts that both machines will be active by late summer.

The addition of the ATV repeater offers opportunities to area hams that have been limited at best in this area. The machine will open up ATV to those who have held back because of limited transmission distance with the hills in Western Pennsylvania.

Let's hope that Dave's announcement is accurate in time and puts to rest the conflict that has frustrated hams including Dennis over the past years.

## Carmen Putorti to step down as Education Director

Carmen Putorti, KA3PRQ, WACOM's Education Coordinator, announced that he will step down shortly. Carmen has been the coordinator since 1989 (I think).

He has been instrumental in coordinating classrooms at the George Washington and convincing club members to volunteer to teach the classes.

Jim Burtoft, KC3HW, has agreed to take over the Education Coordinator's duties. He has been deeply involved for

## VE Exam set for June 10th

WACOM will again hold a VE Exam session at WIT in the basement of the George Washington Hotel. The exam session will begin at 7PM.

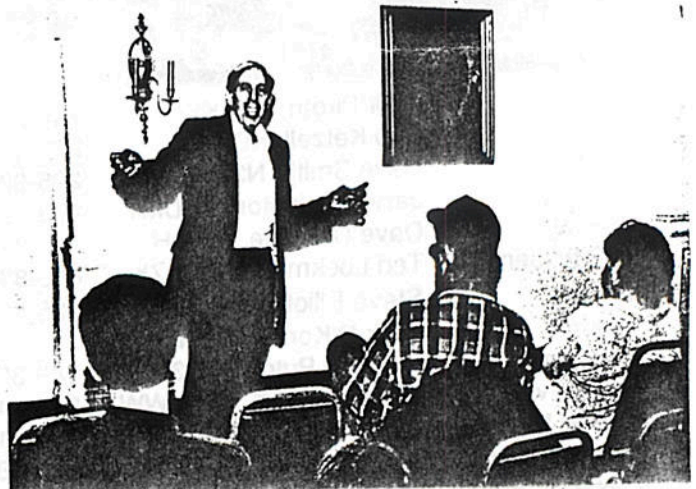
Anyone interested in taking the exam should reserve a seat by calling Jack O'Korn, N3KUF at 228-3749 in advance.

Make sure to bring a check, a completed 610 form, your current license, xerox copy of your license, and a sharp pencil.

## Field Day June 26th & 27th

Don't forget to attend Field Day on June 26th & 27th. If you haven't already done so call Walt Piroth or Kevin Smith to sign-up.

There will be plenty of food & fun. The Frankenberys' will make sure of that!



the past several years as an instructor for the Novice classes. Jim volunteered to assume the position without the slightest hesitation.



# ARES Report

Walt Piroth, N3BKW  
ARES EC Washington County



Since we are in the middle of severe weather season, well some years anyway, our guest speaker at the June Meeting will be Dewey Walston. Dewey is the new Skywarn Director at the Pittsburgh Weather Service office. He will bring us up to speed on the Skywarn program. Like how and what to report during severe weather.

While on the subject, as of April the remodeling at the Pittsburgh Weather Service office was not complete. This means that the two meter station there is still not in operation. Hopefully, Dewey may have good news about that.

Probably everyone that has access to 440 equipment

knows this, but just in case, the WB3JOB/R on 443.65+ links with the Blue Knob Repeater (147.15-) each Sunday evening at 7PM. At that time they conduct the "Blue Knob Net" that has check-ins from almost every County in Central and Western Pa and sometimes from Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. Pretty neat. The WB3JOB/R is located at the intersection of Route 519 and Route 19 at Hill Church and has excellent coverage through most of the County.

And finally, the Washington County Airshow has been cancelled. Lack of sponsors, money, parking space, and every other imaginable excuse.

The Two Meter frequencies in use at the Weather Service for Skywarn Nets are:

## PA

Allegheny County:	147.09+
Pittsburgh:	146.73-
Alternate:	146.61-
Armstrong County:	
Leechburg:	147.33+
Beaver County:	146.85-
Alternate:	147.165+
Alternate:	145.31-
Bulter County:	147.36+
Alternate:	147.24+
Fayette County:	147.045+
Uniontown:	145.17-
Lawrence County	147.195+
Mercer County:	146.52
Washington County	146.79-
Alternate:	145.49-
Westmoreland Co.	147.015+
Alternate:	146.925-

## OHIO

Columbiana County:	
Salem:	146.865-
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(from Spring 1993 SKYWARN Newsletter with corrections)

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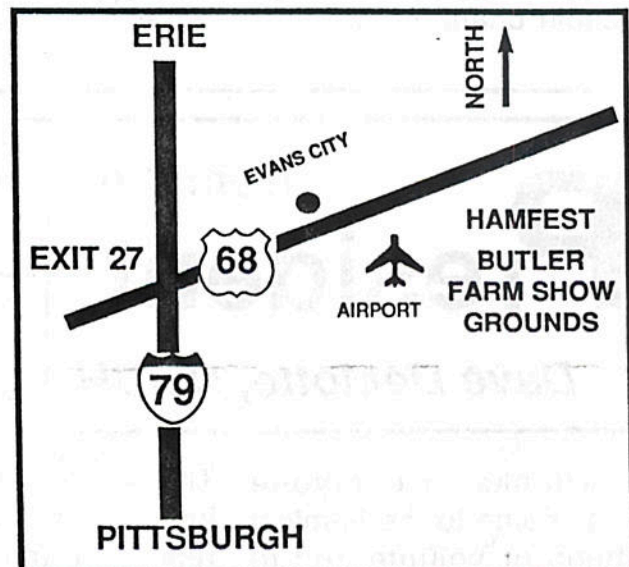
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# Cable Co. blames ham for interference on cable

by Gary, WA3NWL

I recently received a visit from the Chief Engineer of our local cable company on my birthday who brought me as a present the news that, I was the cause of several interference complaints to their cable tv system. The interference is occurring on their CATV channels (18) - 144 - 150 mhz and (24) - 222 - 228 mhz. It is relatively well documented that these cable channels are tun-

ing the Amateur Bands. Channel 18 covers the entire 2 meter band and channels 23 and 24 cover the 220 mhz bands. I am running a full service BBS in my area and it runs 24 hrs per day. The system is running 25 and 50 watts of power to well matched antennas. The interference is being radiated into the cable tvs over approximately a 300 foot circle. The BBS usage is heavy at times due to user activity and

forwarding. I'm a bit skeptical of the Cable Company as it is a "Commercial Enterprise" and the tactic that the Engineer used when visiting me seemed evasive.

What was suggested by this Engineer was to get all the parties together to form an agreement as to what "I" would do for THEM. The parties are unknown to me as there have been no individual complaints to me and no notices received from the FCC. Only the Cable Company knows who they are at this time. Also note that it is what "I" will do for them. I think that it's awfully big of the Cable Company, to be willing to share the Amateur Bands with me. I have no way of knowing how they represented the cause of the interference to their customers who are demanding rebates for 2 unwatchable channels. I was told by the engineer that I questioned, that this was a very uncommon problem for them and that they do not have problems of this type in their system and that it is rare for them. I know that this must be a real stretch on the truth as most that I talk to have experienced some form of Cable TVI as the CATV systems are tuned to our fundamental operating frequencies.

## from the President

*Dave DeMotte, N3IDH*



Thanks to everyone who has come to the hamfest meetings or volunteered to help. Some very good ideas, both near and long term, are being considered. One thing we'd like to do is make it more appealing to hams AND their families. Let's hear your ideas on it.

Shame on everyone who passed-up a chance to work the special events station during the National Pike Festival May 15 & 16. The 40 meter band was open with hundreds of QSO's made. Thanks to Kevin, Steve, and everyone for a job well done.

The club rooms are looking better all the time.

The di-pole seems to be working well and we've had good reports on the 2 meter antenna since it was moved back up on the main roof. Also, there's a scanner now connected to an antenna on the lower roof. Go up there and use the equipment and let us know your ideas on this too. How about a keyer and paddle, or a special events station from there some weekend?

And in closing, best wishes for a speedy recovery to Stan, AD3T. Hopefully by the time this reaches everyone, Stan's been home from the hospital for a while and well on the way to recovery. Get well soon!

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# WACOM Calendar of Events for June 1993

TUESDAY		THURSDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY	
DATE	2 Mtr NCS	10 Mtr NCS		
1	N3KLR	KD3VX	3	WACOM Meeting
8	N3KUF	WB3GTE	5/6	BUTLER HAMFEST
15	KA3RNM	W3IBT	12/13	
22	N3BXF	KA3VOM	19/20	
29	N3BKW	WB3GTE	26/27	FIELD DAY

**Tuesday** 8:30 PM - 2 Mtr Net 145.49/443.3/224.4  
**Tuesday** 9:00 PM - 10 Mtr Net - 28.333MHz  
**Sunday** 9:00 AM - RACES Western PA Net - 3990.5KHz  
**Skywarn Nets** - K3PSP/R - 146.79MHz  
**Club PBB** - N3HKQ - 145.03  
**Digipeaters** (WASHPA - 145.01 and W3CYO - 145.03)

June 6 Breezeshooters hamfest - Butler  
 June 26-27 Field Day

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