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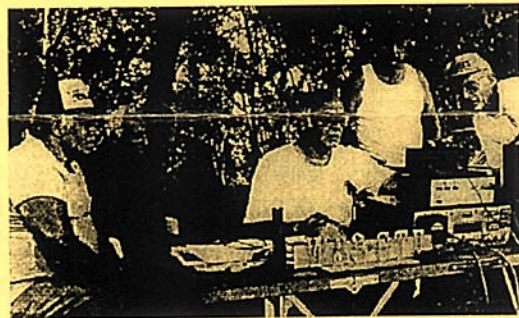
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Washington, PA

Stan Cole, NX3P to be Chairman of This Year's Field Day Exercise

Stan Cole, NX3P has volunteered to take charge of Field Day for WACOM this year. He has not mentioned any details but is sure to welcome assistance.

Information will be released as soon as possible. Anyone interested in assisting Stan can call him at 223-0104.



Two Meter Net New Manager; New Format

The Tuesday evening 2 meter net, conducted at 8:30 PM has a new net manager in Dave DeMotte; N3IDH, who has changed the format a little. The reformatted net will be known as the Washington County Traffic and training Net. Dave has also recruited a few new net control stations. They include: Tina Group, N3NPV and Kevin Smith, N3HKQ.

A new twist is that the script, used by net control stations, will be published in next month's WACOM HAM. If for some reason a scheduled net control station doesn't show up, any club member is invited to begin the net. The only requirement is that all stations checking into the net must be recorded and sent to Dave DeMotte. Watch for next month's newsletter for details.

Pumpkin Festival Special Event QSL at Right

Anyone who contacted the Pumpkin Festival Special Event Station and sent a confirming QSL will get this QSL card. Event chairman, Jim Grazulis has received these QSL cards and should be replying soon.

A certificate sized version of the QSL is also available.



Houston Pumpkin Festival
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Special Event Station

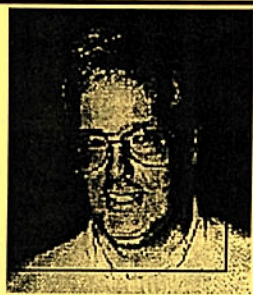
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Speaking Out

by Kevin Smith, N3HKQ
Newsletter Editor



Sometimes the hardest part of putting this newsletter together is writing this column. This one page is harder to fill than the other seven. I can't imagine writing columns daily or even weekly. After doing a year's worth of this column moaning and groaning and trying to provide ideas on doing new things, you might be a little tired of hearing from me.

It would be nice to hear from other club members. The last column from a club President

was in October 1994. Wouldn't you like to hear from your club President? Sure you would. How about a rank and file club member? That would be great! How about you?

You can have a nice heading and your picture too, just like above. Really, I'm serious. You could show it off to your wife (or husband), your kids, mom, dad, girl friend, boyfriend. They would be impressed! It could lead to a whole new career. Imagine the possibilities.

MIR Voice Contact Easier Than You Think

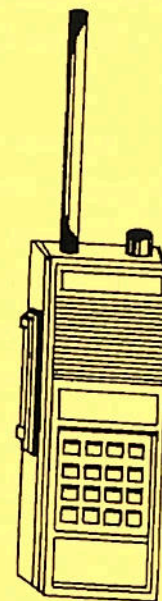
Ed.: I saw the following on the AMSAT BBS. This amateur was quite proud of his accomplishment and it shows just how easy contact with MIR can be if you are lucky also.

At January 19 8:45 UTC I made a voice contact with flight engineer Sergi Avdeev aboard Mir. His English is quite good and we had a nice conversation.

Incredibly good quality audio - at least 5 by 8 - better than I've done through some local repeaters.

Oh yeah, it was with a 5 watt handheld with a J-pole antenna. And he was on low power too. Just goes to show that if you try enough times you'll get lucky! (of course the fact that it was 3:45 am local and I didn't have much competition helped too).

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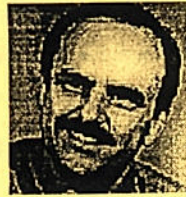


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A.R.E.S. Report

by Walt Piroth, N3BKW
Washington County EC



NET NEWS

Dave Demotte N3IDH is our new 2-Meter Net Manager. Dave will be taking over from Norm who did a great job for the past three (?) years. Thanks Norm for your efforts. Lets give Dave our support each Tuesday night at 8:30pm, 145.49-, W3CYO/RPT.

TID BITS

The Greater Pittsburgh VHF Society has changed it's Packet radio operation

to 145.790MHz. Connect to WA3BAK for digipeating or to read the Swap-n-Shop list. Connect to PITTS for K-node functions. From the "The VHF Feedline".

The new 911 Center in Oil City recently held an open house which included a tour of the Ham Radio Room complete with VHF, UHF and brand new HF equipment.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

A recently received letter from Jim Weyman, N3VHF, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, Pittsburgh National Weather Service had some interesting information.

Sometime in March Jim will be holding SKYWARN training in Washington County. Probably on Monday, March 4th. This date is not certain but has been tentatively scheduled. The classes will be held for the whole county, not just W.A.COM. At the moment it appears that in addition to our group, people from Emergency Services as well as SKYWARN observers from the general public will attend. Jeff Yates at Emergency Services is making the arrangements. As soon as we have a time and place an announcement will be made

held in all 36 counties that are serviced by the Pittsburgh Office. If you will be unable to attend the Washington training, training in another county will be available.

Something new is a weather paging system. All advisories, watches, and warnings are sent to USAMobile. The paging company sends this info out on their paging system. The price for the pagers is \$10 per month. Just give Mike Haverlack at USA Mobile a call at 1-800-392-8964 and he'll fix you up.

And finally, the Pittsburgh NWS is looking for "Snow Observers" for Washington County. This is a "study" so I would assume that it isn't a permanent position. Basically they want people to observe snow depths at 7AM and 7PM daily. And if 3 or more inches of "new" snow is observed from the last reading you need to call and report it. Sounds exciting to me. If anyone is interested give Jim Weyman a call.



THIS WEEK IN AMATEUR RADIO Returns

The following is from The ARRL Letter, January 12, 1996:

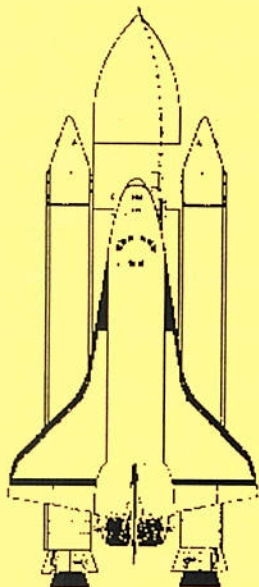
THIS WEEK IN AMATEUR RADIO, a weekly audio news magazine service, is scheduled to return to the air early this year on Telesat Canada's Anik E2 satellite. The program's executive producer, Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB, says the show should return by late January. The satellite switch was made necessary as a result of the shutdown of Telstar 302, which is nearing the end of its useful life. THIS WEEK IN AMATEUR RADIO has been off the air since Thanksgiving weekend. The program, which carries ARRL and RAC bulletins, contest and convention information, propagation forecasts, Radio Amateur Information Network, the Amateur Radio Newslines and other features on over 100 nets and repeaters throughout North America. Anik E2 is at 107 degrees W longitude in geosynchronous orbit.

THIS WEEK IN AMATEUR RADIO is scheduled to air on transponder 18, Saturdays at 8 PM Eastern Time. The satellite provides excellent coverage of North America and has spot beams aimed at Alaska and Hawaii. The program lineup is available on the ARRL's HIRAM BBS at 860-894-0306 and at various Internet sites.

For more information, call George Bowen, N2LQS, 518-283-3665, (e-mail kxkvi@delphi.com), or Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB, 518-664-6809 (e-mail sanderman@delphi.com).

ASTRONAUT HAMS MARRY

The following is from: The ARRL Letter, January 12, 1996:



In what appears to be a "first" for ham radio and for the space program, astronauts Steve Nagel, N5RAW, and Linda Godwin, N5RAX, were married December 29. Steve and Linda flew together on STS-37 in April 1991. Both have appeared as speakers for ARRL at conventions. Steve conducted a SAREX forum at the 1994 Dayton Hamvention, and Linda helped ARRL Educational Activities Department head Rosalie White, WA1STO, with youth forums in Dallas in 1992 and Tulsa in 1994. Linda also has done public service announcements about ham radio for ARRL, and she appears in the ARRL videotape, Ham Radio in Space.

Nagel was the commander aboard space shuttle mission STS-55 in April 1993, operating the SAREX radios and thrilling hundreds of hams listening from Earth. Godwin, a NASA Mission Specialist, operated the SAREX radios during mission STS-59 in April 1994, and especially enjoyed the school QSOs. She flies next on STS-76 in March 1996.

"These two folks are super wonderful people!" White said, expressing her best wishes for the newlyweds.

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Group	Tina & Eric	N3NPV/N3RWY	Washington	PA	15301	225-6248
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Jahger	Frans J.	KA3VYX	McMurray	PA	15317	941-9297
Johnson	Dennis & Dan	N3PBR/KB3ATE	McMurray	PA	15317	941-4398
Jones	Buster	KA3QIR	McDonald	PA	15057	926-2858
Jordan	Robert W.	NY3I (Nov - Apr)	Lakeworth	FL	33460	225-3277
Kern	Jack & Darlene	KA3OIJ/N3IFX	McMurray	PA	15317	941-2069
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Marraccini	Leonard & Damon	N3KTC/KA3AFS	Finleyville	PA	15332	348-6406
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McDonald	Malcom	KA3YTS	Pittsburgh	PA	15228	531-5762
McGrevin	Cheryl	N3PYC	Washington	PA	15301	225-9545
McNutt	Jim & Judie	NW3X/KA3RNM	McMurray	PA	15317	941-5159
Moninger	John	WA3VKC	Washington	PA	15301	228-5787
Montgomery	George	W3KVS	Washington	PA	15301	222-1720
Musante	Joe	WB3GTE	Washington	PA	15301	223-0897
Musante	Mark	KA3OTI	Tarentum	PA	15084	226-8385
Okorn	Jack	AA3FN	Washington	PA	15301	228-2472
Ostergaard	Dale	N3HXZ	Pittsburgh	PA	15228	561-5357
Perry	Jack	KA3IYY	Claysville	PA	15323	948-3515
Phillips	Harold J.	WA3DWX	McDonald	PA	15057	926-2682

Piroth	Walt	N3BKW	Houston	PA	15342	746-2327
Plants	Bud & Michael	N3TIR/N3TIQ	Avella	PA	15312	948-2228
Plants	Paul	N3WMV	Washington	PA	15301	
Preskey	Dennis	K3PSP	Washington	PA	15301	UNLISTED
Putoriti	Carmen	KA3PRQ	Canonsburg	PA	15317	746-3542
Scears	Charles E.	N3IRE	Washington	PA	15301	223-0960
Schaffer	Jeff	KA3TMV	Pittsburgh	PA	15213-3524	941-1737
Schaffer	Jerry & Sandi	WA4ONC/ N3FPF	McMurray	PA	15317	941-1737
Schmaltz	Chuck	N3KDP	Houston	PA	15342	746-5981
Smith	Darrel	KA3ZWO	Washington	PA	15301	225-9525
Smith	David A.	N3LJK	Washington	PA	15301	225-0346
Smith	Kevin J.	N3HKQ	Monongahela	PA	15063	258-4153
Smith	Vernon	N3JNM	Crafton	PA	15205	922-2142
Stanko	Jared	N3TKR	Canonsburg	PA	15317	746-2156
Stark	Carl	KD3KH	McMurray	PA	15317	942-4085
Stark	Don & Margie	N3HOW/ N3HOZ	Eighty Four	PA	15330	228-4177
Stinely	Regis W.	NZ3E	Washington	PA	15301	225-8263
Stout	Joe	KA3MZS	Washington	PA	15301	228-1090
Thompson	Harriett	WB3WI	Washington	PA	15301	225-6603
Torisky	Susan & Norm	N3MDP/N3KLR	Canonsburg	PA	15317	745-6154
Vintle	Martin	N3IKU	Canonsburg	PA	15317	745-6809
Zborowski	Sam	WA3DIP	Eighty Four	PA	15330	223-9544

More Web Sites of Interest

Quite a number of callsign servers have become available over the last few months for both US and International calls. Try these World Wide Web servers:

US Callsign Servers:

<http://www.qrz.com/cgi-bin/webcall?>

<http://www.ualr.edu/doc/hamualr/callsign.html>

International Callsign Server:

http://www.buck.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcall

The above from Terry Stader, KA8SCP; AOL Ham Radio Club Host.

Dan Schultz, N8FGV of the Space Telescope Operations Control Center, Geenbelt MD wants everyone to know about three website servers about the Hubble Space Telescope. The first: <http://www.stsci.edu/public.html>, carries press releases and public release HST images from the Space Telescope Science Institute public affairs office. Two lesser known web pages that you might wish to check out also. The "HST Nuggets" web site: http://scivax.stsci.edu/~hamilton/nuggets/hst_nuggets.html contains unpublished images from the public domain. A third page is at <http://planxty.stsci.edu:1024:/hdf/hdf.html>. This page provides data on the recent HST deep feild survey in which 8 days (and nights) staring at one single spot in space, were spent to see what could be found at the edge of the universe. The data from the survey was due for public release on January 15, 1996.

Editors note: I haven't had a chance to try these web sites yet. If anyone trys these and can't get through, let me know. These addresses may not be correct.

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