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Wood County Commission relays support for ham radio operators



Photo by Brett Dunlap
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PARKERSBURG - The Wood County Commission has declared this week as "Amateur Radio Week" in the county, culminating with the annual American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day nationwide event this weekend.

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In the commission's resolution, officials highlighted their understanding of the importance and reliability of ham radio to provide backup emergency communications during natural disasters and other emergencies.

"...the Wood County Commission understands the significance of having qualified Federally-licensed ham operators who commit, volunteer and serve," the resolution said.

Officials talked about how ham radio operators have always acted as a back-up for emergency communications.

In talking about amateur radio, Dale said there is a saying "when all else fails, it always gets through."

The observance of "Amateur Radio Week" is combined with The American Radio Relay League Field Day event, a national exercise of preparedness, that is always conducted on the Saturday and Sunday of the fourth full weekend of June.

The P.A.R.K. and WCEC will be operating from 2 p.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. Sun-

day this weekend with public displays of equipment, antennas, and alternate power sources. The public can participate "live on-the-air" with ham radio operators at Fort Boreman Park, 1042 Fort Boreman Dr., Parkersburg, and from Hendershot Farm, 163 Hendershot Farm Drive, Walker.

Dale said there will be 40,000 ham radio operators on the air nationwide during the field day.

Harris encouraged the elected officials to come out to one of the sites and see what was happening.

Both men said they have received radio messages for all 50 states and Dale said he was communicating via Morse Code earlier this year with someone in France.

"This is a demonstration of our readiness to provide backup communications," Dale said.

He talked about how Fort Boreman Park provides a good location to transmit from.

"It is important in radio to have elevation," Dale said.

The county is also providing space at the new Wood County 911 Center for amateur radio operators to help out in emergency situations.

Dale has been involved with amateur radio for over 60 years and remains proficient in Morse Code which has seen a decline in qualified people over the years.

Amateur radio operators have been utilized to help out as recently as the flooding that occurred in Ohio County and have worked with the American Red Cross.

"Ham radio is the kind of thing where we can come in with a satchel and set up communications," Dale said. "There are no trucks necessary, no generators necessary. We use batteries, wires and radios."

Officials remember amateur radio operators helping out during the Belleville tornado years ago.

Commissioners unanimously approved the resolution.

"We understand the significance of having qualified federally licensed ham radio operators who commit, volunteer and serve," Commission President Blair Couch said.

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Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub holds Ham Radio Field Day

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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub held their Ham Radio Field Day at Fort Boreman Park.

Ham Radio Field Day is a popular event hosted by the ARRL that connects ham radio operators across the United States and Canada.

The event ran from 2 p.m. on Saturday to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The goal of Ham Radio Field Day is to encourage Ham Radio operators to practice for emergency situations.

Operators will communicate with each other without using cell service or utility power.

Conard Richardson, Technical Vice President of the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub, said "So, it's always nice to have the community come and be involved. We do the open house as part of the field day so we can try to educate and gain membership into the amateur radio hobby. And so, it's always good

to try to get and see the community come out and help grow the hobby and the field that we've come to know and love," said Richardson.

In addition to the Ham Radio Field Day, the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub held their open house for the public.

Dozens of people visited them and learned about ham radio and what it does.

The club has more open houses scheduled.

Their next open house will be held at Volcano Days later this year.

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Field Day Photos



Power" Mike, WV8PWR, and "Mayor" Dave, KE8RBY, log CW contacts during FD.



CW station setup at FD 2025 (FT-100D, FC-20 auto tuner, Ten-Tec 607 keyer paddle, amplified speakers and PC for logging). A new fan dipole antenna (designed and built by Conard, WV8JCR) worked like gang busters.



(left) John, N8CDD, helped setup during FD 2025. Earl, KB8HRG, insisted on turning his back to the camera so the Klub logo (on his shirt) could be seen better than the small logo on the "Ham Radio Open House" banner. It worked. And the photographer got Earl's "best side."



(left to right) Conard, WV8JCR, John, N8CDD, and Earl, KB8HRG, are nearly "ready to go" for the start of ARRL Field Day 2025.

The goal of Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub's FD setup crew is to have all "ends covered."

All three agreed, "crappy" signals and conditions are something the Klub is prepared for at FD 2025.

Curtis J. Fouse SK

By [Phillip Hickman](#)

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Curtis, J. Fouse, 93, of Parkersburg, WV died Thursday July 3, 2025 at Elison Assisted Living in Marietta. He was born in Parkersburg, WV a son of the late Curtis H. and Helen D. (Beebe) Fouse.

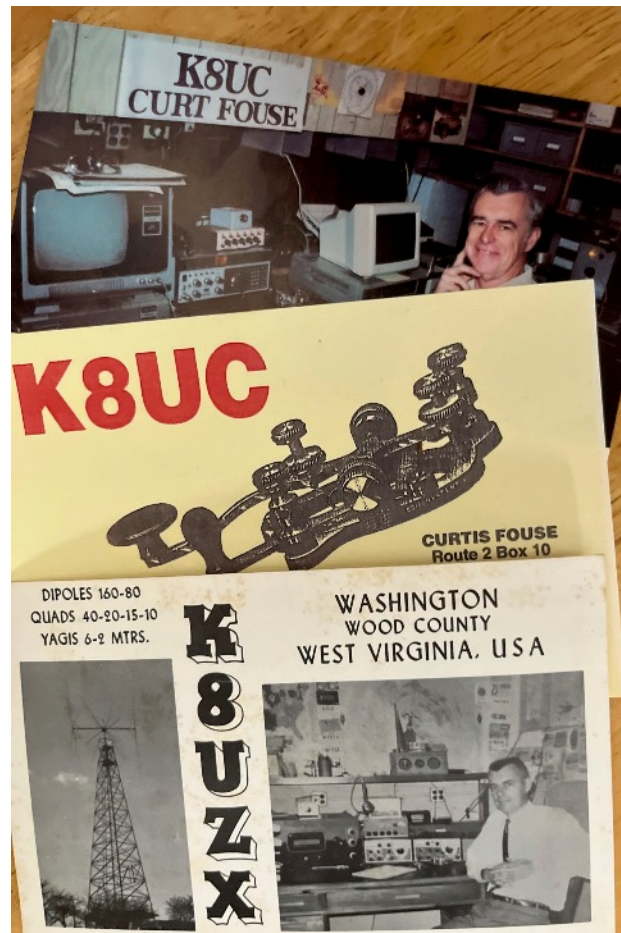
He retired from DuPont in 1992 after thirty-seven years of service. He was a United States Army veteran having served in the Korean War. He was a member of the PARC Amateur Radio Club and had the call sign of K8UC. He helped many people to get their HAM operators license. Curtis was also a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. He was a member of the Pioneer Antique Automobile Club since the 1960s, and loved restoring antique cars. He and his wife Irene participated in many car tours and National Car Shows throughout the United States.

He is survived by three children Kamalynn Lawson (David) of Washington, WV, Charles Fouse (Debbie) of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Gary Fouse of Evansville, IN; four grandchildren, Benjamin Fouse (Tiffany), Brian Fouse (Adena Steward), Irene Fouse, and Chad Fouse (Nikki); step grandchildren Joseph Lawson, and DiAnna Stephens (Mark Tompkins), and his great grandchildren, Ryan, Mikayla, Isaac, and Zachary Collins, Jaden Fouse, Madison Stephens, Brandon and Alex Lawson, Kenneth, Kimberly, and Kyle Fouse, and Mackenzie, Annabelle, and Nikolas Fouse.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife V. Irene (Archer) Fouse, son Darrell Fouse, grandson Gary Fouse II, and sister Margaret.

Curt, K8UC (sk), QSL cards. Curt's former call, K8UZX, would've been issued as a Novice-class KN8UZX

This composite photo of QSL cards show the outside and inside of "Uncle Curt's" shack and



part of his antenna farm—including the beam antenna atop the infamous "oil-derrick tower."



PARK Minutes
MAY

The PARK meeting was called to order by Larry Dale at 6:30 on May 12, 2025 at the Western Sizzlin steakhouse on route 68 south.

Introductions were made 25 members and guests.

The minutes were read from the April meeting by Mary W and excepted as read.

The treasurers report was given by Jane. The starting balance at \$4601.46. We had expenses at the mall, rental and the banners. We ended up with an ending balance. of \$4291.25. Report was accepted is read.

50/50 raffle was won by of Scott \$25.

Old business:

Curtis White KF8BRB was excepted to full membership.

Larry reported that the Ham Radio Open House at the Grand Central Mall was a big success.

We got two different television interviews and a big write up in the paper. We even got noticed by the ARRL and put in their newsletter. We can thank all those who helped for a job. Well done. Thank you.

Next item in new business, Christopher Murphy N8LZI was voted in as an associate member.

Larry reminded everybody that Field Day I was coming up June 28 29th. The club will be providing the meat and the bread and the drinks for the meal on Saturday evening at 6 PM. Member were asked to bring a covered dish .We can have access to the cabin and the shelter Which must be reserved and rental of the Porta potty needs to be. Ordered. Jerry KA8NJW will take care of the reservation for the shelter and scheduling the Porta potty. (DONE) Larry reminded everybody that workers were needed on Friday night to put up antennas and we also we could use operators and loggers for the Field day itself.

In other new business, Jerry reported that he wanted to step down from being in charge of

Volcano Days and he would check and see if we could get it in QST. Note I did call and put in the Application for volcano days and it was excepted for September publication. John and Scott said they would be happy to help with Volcano Days. We will be transmitting on September 27th at Mountwood Park.

With no further business to discuss meeting adjourned at 7:10. Minutes taken by Mary Wand dictated by Jerry W.

JUNE

Larry Dale called the meeting in order about 6:40 at the Western Sizzlin steakhouse on route 68 S. introductions were made by 27 members and guess

Minutes were read from the May meeting and approved as read.

FINICIAL report was given by Jane 4,219.

Old BUSINESS-

Larry, next passed around a sign-up sheet for the meal on field day ,Saturday June28 evening at six Member are asked to bring a Covered dish or dessert or both

Sign up sheet for operators and people who would bring equipment. Friday night before field day. we will be putting wires up so that we can get started right in early on Saturday.

Chris Murphy was approved for full membership in the Parkersburg radio club

NEW BUSINESS

At this time application for membership was given by David Haynes, the mayor of Lowell. He was approved for associate membership he'll be voted in one month for full membership.

Travis has the ability to make club T-shirts, Short sleeve \$15.00 and Long sleeve \$20.00 hoodies

and sweatshirts and coffee mugs \$20.00 they have the clubs logo on the back or the front and your Callsign can be put on custom.

The 50-50 raffle was one by Scott \$30.00 who donated the money back to the club.

The N8UTZ "NUT-ZEE" - award was moved on to Mike (KF8DJY) He is a fifth proud owner of the N8UTZ "NUT-ZEE" award since it was conceived.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at about 7:15 minutes taken by Mary Wharton dictated by Jerry W.

JULY

The July 14th. Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub meeting was called to order by Larry Dale at 6:30 at the Western Sizzlin steakhouse on route 68.

Introductions were made by 25 members and guests.

Minutes were read by Mary W and approved. The treasurers report was given by Jane. Starting balance was \$4313.25 which was added \$50 in dues and \$25 in raffle proceeds In expenses we had for \$87 for food and drink for field day \$100 for the shelter rental and the Porta potty bill hasn't been paid yet. Treasurers report was approved.

The 50-50 raffle was won by Norma, \$27. Which Scott donated back to the club. Lol.

Other old business was David Hanes was voted in as a full member from his associate membership.

Larry thanked everybody for their work on field day.

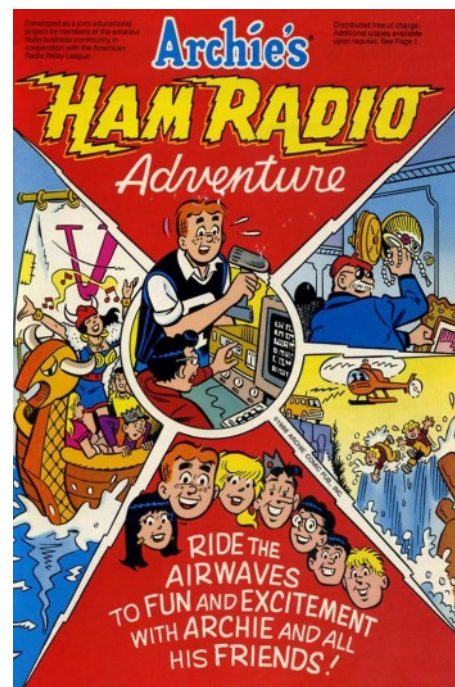
Norma modeled her T-shirt that day she had purchased from a small independent company in Vienna by two teenagers called besttes order forms are available for club logo T-shirts if you're interested.

Larry mentioned we were in the process I'm just getting a Facebook page set up an in a new design webpage more information will be forthcoming.

We also have Volcano days coming up September 27 and we need help for that.

Larry mentioned the idea of changing the call sign on ithe N8NBL 97 repeater to W8PAR. Jerry is going to call and look into the process. We may have to pay \$35 for the change that was approved.

A motion was made to adjourn about 715 and was approved. The minutes taken by Mary W Dictated by Jerry .



FIELD DAY SCORES

Call Used: W8PAR GOTA Station Call: (NONE)
ARRL/RAC Section: WV Class: 3A

Participants: 25 Club/Group Name: Parkersburg
Amateur Radio Klub

Power Source(s): Generator, Battery

Power Multiplier: 2X

Preliminary Total Score: 1,784

Bonus Points:

100% emergency power 300

Public location 100

Site visit by invited elected official 100

Youth participation (2 x 20, max of 100) 40

Entry submitted via web 50

Total bonus points 590

Score Summary: (File [W8PAR.dup] previously up-loaded)

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
Total QSOs	168	102	57	
Total Points	336	204	57	597 Claimed
Score = (QSO points x power mult) =	1,194			

Submitted by: Jerry Wharton, KA8NJW

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW	Digital	Phone
	QSOs Pwr(W)	QSOs Pwr(W)	QSOs Pwr(W)
80m	18 100	61 100	1 100
40m	138 100	25 100	11 100
20m	3 100	10 100	30 100
15m	8 100	1 100	13 100
10m	1 100	5 100	2 100
TOTAL	168	102	57



Power Mike, WV8PWR, recently was quizzed by his XYL, Laura regarding the Klub's official and casual meetings. Her question was, "Why do P.A.R.K. members always gather in places where food is served?"

Mike, who in addition to everything else he does, used his special skill as a mental-health professional to provide Laura with this answer:

"Considering the Klub's monthly meetings are held at the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse on the second Monday of each month for dinner, and the fact that every Wednesday the Klub meets for lunch at The Fishin' Hole (aka Capt. D's) and because breakfast is the order each Saturday morning at Tudor's Biscuit World. My diagnosis is:

"We are a ham radio club with an eating disorder."
