



Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub P.A.R.K.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

REGULAR MEETING: Second Monday
Monthly, Vienna Bonanza, 6:00 PM
BREAKFAST MEET: First Saturday Monthly,
Shoneys Garfield, 8:00 AM

AREA NETS

146.88 - Marietta Sunday Nights 9 PM
146.97 - P.A.R.K. Tuesday Nights 9 PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope the new year finds you well and ready to ham it up in 92. 1992, it does not seem possible that a new century will arrive in just eight years. I've been told that time passes more quickly when you get old, but I wouldn't know. All kidding aside, 1991 did pass quickly for me and looking back over the past year I feel the klub has done rather well also. We have a core of active members who are friendly and "elmer" others when needed. To get an idea of what has been done over the past year just ask to look at the scrapbook at the next klub meeting.

The coming year may prove interesting for all those concerned with ham radio. There seems to be a lot of interest in the no-code tech ticket. Will these members be good for our hobby? Wayne Green of 73 seems to think so. He reports that a good number of these Techs are passing the 5 wpm code test in order to operate on HF. I will withhold my judgement for a while, but I can't change the rules. I feel we should accept these operators on equal terms and work to make them welcome to our hobby.

EXCESS FREQUENCIES? Should the ham bands be put to commercial use? Would you like to order pizza from your 2 meter rig? Before you answer, consider the following information that came by way of 73, "CO", and "The Communicator".

In a speech to the ARRL convention in Michigan last August, FCC Private Radio Bureau chief, Ralph Haller N4RH made the following remarks. "...Not only are you able to accommodate the influx of new operators, But it appears from what you are telling us, you have an excess capacity."

"We understand from your letters and phone calls that you are anxious that your excess capacity be used to help alleviate the demands being placed on the maritime frequencies, the common carriers, the public safety frequencies, the government systems, the business frequencies, and so on." "...We have suggested to your League Officers, therefore, that they consider the possibility of asking for rule making to allow your excess capacity to be used on a secondary basis for certain non-Amateur communications."

What you have just read is only about a tenth of his talk but I think you get the message. I am not saying we should not help out the Red Cross or the Fire Department but what about Pizza Hut? Also consider what happens when the FCC starts talking about "excess capacity" just remember what happened to 220 MHz.

What can you do? I am writing the ARRL and getting some more information and making my feelings known. You can find their mailing address inside the front of QST.

Sorry to take up so much space but I felt that this was an important topic. see you at the meeting.
73's Jerry, KA8NJW

CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

The Christmas dinner was held at the Washington Community Center on December 13th, a Friday. It turned out not to be that unlucky this year though because all of us

there seemed to have a good time. We had a feast to behold (check out the scrapbook) and some entertainment. During our meal we were treated to coral treats by "The Ham Singers" both young and not so young, but all good. We were also treated to a Shakespeare rendition by none other than our traveling bard himself, KF8NW. TO BE OR NOT TO da dit dit dit dit. Even Santa showed up to deliver goodies to good little boys and girls and hams.

I would like to thank all who helped make our party a success, especially the ladies who seemed to do more than their share of the work.

HAM OF THE YEAR NAMED!

In early December the Board of Directors met at Jerry's KAB8NJW house and decided on a Ham of the Year for 1991. There was much discussion about several worthy candidates with pros and cons on all sides. Should this award be for one BIG good deed or for many small, but important ones? The committee's decision was announced at the Christmas party. The Ham of the Year for 1991 was Curt Fouse, KBUC. Larry KF8NW wants to get a picture for the paper when the plaque is presented to Curt.

My thanks to all who helped with this decision, KAB8NJW.

Thanks to Dave Stone for the following:

Ever Heard of Rural Junkies?

by Benjamin Stone, KD8HDE, grade 4
Davisville, West Virginia--The Kanawha School Amateur Radio Club (nicknamed KRYSTAL) like VHF packet, HF CW, and taking apart junk. Supporting Technology and Learning is an ARRL affiliated club with 12 members. Calls KB8HDE, KB8HRU, KB8JZD and KB8HMM have been used at this club station. KD8YY is the permanent club callsign.

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KLUB LIBRARY- BOOKS NEEDED!

As The Klub Librarian I am requesting that anyone having anything to donate contact me (KAB8NJW) at the next meeting or give me a call at 428-3395. Connie (WD8MIC) donated a 1991 call book for the klub use. If you need it just give me a call.

SILENT KEY

We are saddened by the loss of one of our members, Bob Gerken - KB8GVG, who died suddenly on January 1, 1992. Bob lived in Marietta, and has been a member of P.A.R.K. for several years.

WHO WON THE DOLL?

If that is still a burning question in your mind, you can set yourself at ease now. The darling doll was won by Barbara Sturm, on a ticket sold by N8NBL - John McGuffey. The second prize drill was won by Doug Pabst, on a ticket sold by Leo Pabst - WA8BMA.

Congratulations to both of our winners and a big thank you to all of our members.

The name Kanawha is an Indian word meaning "bright river." Our K-6 elementary school is near the little Kanawha river in rural Western West Virginia. The HF and VHF stations are on the air Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and our license class meets Thursday evening. Comments from club members include:

"I can't believe it works!"
"It is fun to go to this class because you find out things."
"We are making breadboards for our oscillators."
"People bring in all kinds of junk."
"We connect to people across the world."
"It's like being on 'Star Trek'."
"Kids like our club pencils."
"It helps us make friends anywhere."

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