

Radio Klub

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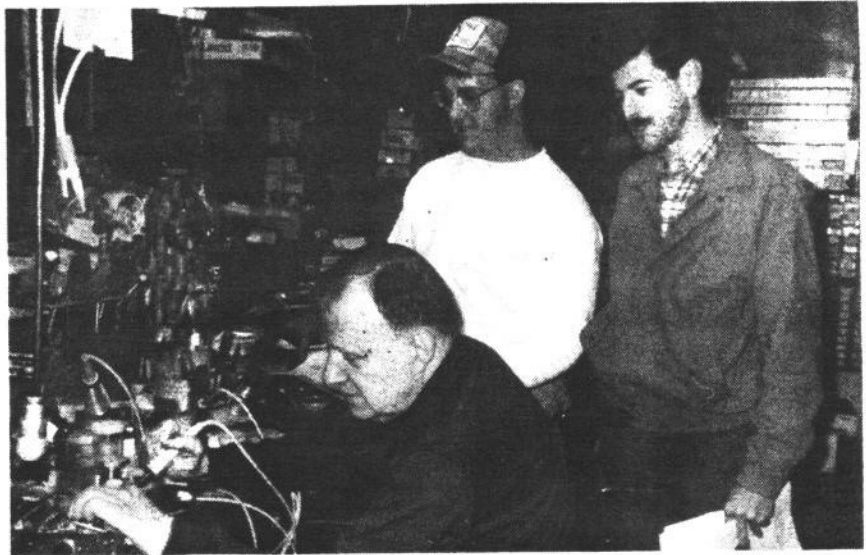
Sure! Bring it on up . . .  
we'll take a look at it.

Imagine a repair shop that caters to ham radio operators. The shop is open late every night, plus maintains weekend hours. And is available for emergency repairs at most anytime.

The shop doubles as a hands-on vocational training center for the would-be electronic technician and an advanced learning center for the electronic engineer.

You may say, "There's no such place." But there is—it's the basement of Tim Britton's house in Vienna.

Mention the name Tim, or the call sign WA8CRW and you'll find people who know him. Locally and regionally, the call sign IDs on the 146.970



**Tim, WA8CRW, (seated at workbench) assists Adam (no call) and Mike, KB8KNY with a project in Tim's basement/shop/shack.**

from all over the country who come through Parkersburg sometimes give Tim a shout,

his willingness to help solve problems with H-Ts to HF rigs. (And stereos and intercoms, etc.)

Along with his willingness to aid the ailing rigs, Tim has a wealth of resources to pinpoint the problem. There's a file cabinet full of service/operating manuals for rigs of all kinds. And state-of-the-art test equipment lining the workbench. Plus, Tim's own knowledge.

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**"August 8, 1988, my birthday, I became Tim's wife . . . and he was my birthday present."**

Mary Britton's (KB8BOA) comment about Tim, WA8CRW

Mhz and 147.390 Mhz repeaters. Tim is one of the OTs at "The Mill" each July 4. Hams

just say, "Hi." and talk over old times.

Local hams know Tim for

## President's Corner



Curt Fouse, K8UC

## New Officers Must Keep it Straight

The new administration of the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub faces some important matters.

Granted, they will not decide which military base should close. Nor will they try to establish a free-trade agreement with another country that may cost American's their jobs. We should all be glad that Washington, D.C. and Charleston, WV have qualified people to address these trivial issues (Hi).

However, the Klub and its direction rests squarely on the shoulders of those elected by the membership of this organization.

That is not to say that the newly elected officers are to

perform all of the tasks of running the Klub by themselves. Not at all! Instead, they should be given the full support of each individual associated with the Klub. (Notice, I didn't say, *members only*. Because many of our best workers are non-members i.e. *wives who help cook and clean-up during and after Field Day.*)

The responsibility of the officers will be to select and appoint members who will serve the Klub. Instead of a *reliable few*, there needs to be a *working crew*, which is ready and able to assist with Klub functions and projects.

These appointees must keep in mind that Ham Radio is for all ages, and thus requires a standard of morals and principals suited for all ages.

The Klub officers and members must monitor and groom each new ham that comes on the air to insure adherence to FCC and Klub rules which are applicable.

The profane and perverse conditions on 11-meters must

## Klub Notes

submitted by  
Rory, KB8MDN, secretary

Roy, N8YY5, is recovering from heart surgery.

Turkey-Trot Run needs OPs for Nov. S.E.T. (drill) scheduled in Sept.

YL/XYL NCS (net controls) needed.

1993-1994 officer nominees:

Rory, KB8MDN, President

Roy, N8YY5, 1st VP, John, N8NBL, 2nd

VP, Earl, KB8HRG, 3rd VP, Tom,

N8NMA, Secty, Jane, N8MOW, Treas.

Jerry, KA8NJW and Russ, N8FID,

newsletter editors.

not be permitted to get even the slightest foothold on our bands. Bootleggers and Lids have no place on the amateur bands.

I don't say all of this, as if it hasn't already been done. Many of you have given of your time and talents over the years and I want you all to know that it is appreciated.

I would like to thank those who have served this past year, many of whom will continue to serve in the same positions and new ones.

And I want to express my appreciation to, and give encouragement to, those whomay become discouraged during their term of service. Don't let anything get you down in your service to the PARK—we're a great bunch of people. And a group that is valuable to our community, state and hobby—just ask those who need communicators during public service events.

Keep it straight folks. And thanks for the opportunity to serve you.

VY73, de CURT, K8UC—QRT

## Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub 1992-1993 Officers and staff

Curt Fouse, K8UC, President  
Earl Hulce, KB8HRG, VP  
John McGuffey, N8NBL, VP  
Bob Lyons, KB8EFB, VP  
Rory Hughes, KB8MDN, Sect.  
Jane McGuffey, N8MOW, Treas.  
Jerry Wharton, KA8NJW, Ed.  
Larry Dale, KF8NW, Ed.

# WA8IOE! Or is This Truck Seven?

**B**laine, WA8IOE, grabs the mic—and for a split second—distinguishes between—WA8IOE mobile, Base-three, Base-two, Truck-six, Truck-seven or Car-ten.

Blaine is the Assistant Transportation Director for the Wood County Schools.

Daily he's in contact with any, and sometimes all, of the 91 school buses running in-town and in the outback of Wood County. He can be on any of the buses or broadcast from three service vehicles and two bases.



*Blaine Auville, WA8IOE, establishes radio contact with one of 91 school buses in Wood County.*

That's 91 bus numbers and driver names to remember. Are there problems with this task?

"I don't have any problems remembering who's who. I have caused a driver or two to pause between radio transmissions, when I say, 'QSL' instead of 10-4, which the buses use to acknowledge," Blaine says.

The Auville family enjoys ham radio. Blaine's wife, Libby, is KA8FUA.

Bruce, KB8CCO, is a student at VPI.

Ben, KB8EOX, is

a senior at PSHS.

73 KF8NW, Larry

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*His own knowledge*, is an understatement. Whether you're looking for the right answer in your troubleshooting, or if you want to know the performance of a particular rig—or even the fair-market value of a used rig—Tim knows the answer or can refer you to someone who can provide the answer.

There is one catch that comes with putting any piece of equipment on Tim's bench.

You must be willing to do the work. "That's it! Pure and simple! I am here to help people—not to do the work for them," says Tim. "I know, as most people know, people learn better when they not only are told about something, but can experience it."

Tim's wife is Mary, KB8BOA. They have two grandchildren. And both enjoy their boat and river lot in

Vienna.

If you experience problems with your rig—don't ask Tim to help you—unless you're ready to learn something.

*(Editor's note: Tim's wisdom and experience has helped countless hams throughout the Mid-Ohio Valley. To allow enough space to say, "Thanks," in these pages is not nearly enough space. So, Tim, accept our appreciation with this—THANKS!!!!)*

# Area Hams Make the News

It's one thing to be *in* the news, but to *make* the news is another matter. Recently, area amateur radio operators have done both.

The local newspaper carried a story in their pages of Kenny, WA8LLM's, efforts and accomplishments with the Digital Amateur Radio Emergency Network (DAREN) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES).

DAREN is a packet-oriented chain of digipeaters and nodes spanning the entire state, top-to-bottom and from edge-to-edge. The system is set up for only NTS-type messages.

**Klub/ARES Net on  
146.970  
Tuesdays at 9 p.m.  
&  
Valley Girls Net on  
146.970  
Thursdays at 9 p.m.**

There are many other features like mailboxes, bulletin and message boards, etc. There is a statewide DAREN net on Saturdays on 145.670 Mhz (simplex). Also, there is a local DAREN net on '67, while the RACES net is conducted on the 147.255 (plus) machine.

RACES and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) operators were given some well-deserved print space in the September issue of QST.

The service provided by operators, in this area, during the Blizzard of '93 was grouped with other reports of activity across the country. The ARES and RACES operators joined forces to man the airwaves—and some even braved the ravages of the storm—to make deliveries and assist motorists and other emergency services and organizations.

## Ham Radio Picnic

All ham radio operators, regardless of race, color, creed, religious or club affiliation—are invited to the **Parkersburg City Park** for food, fun, fellowship and even a festival! Bring a covered dish and your place setting and drinks and join all area amateurs and their families at noon on **September 11.**

## Buy-Sell-Trade

Two-meter H-T and most of the desirable accessories for sale. Contact WA8LCO (Logan County, WV)

Older H-F rig for sale. Good for recent upgrader. Contact: Rocky, N8ZVD, on 146.970 Mhz repeater.

Jerry, (passed his test 8/29) is looking for a reasonably-priced VHF (UHF) H-T. Phone 863-5850.

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