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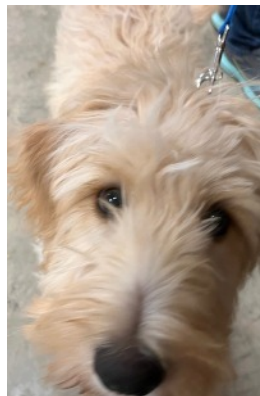
Official Newsletter of the Parkersburg Radio Klub
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This banner was created by Mike, WV8PWR, to provide direction to the 2026 Winter Field Day site—located just inside Pleasants County, WV, on Sugar Grove Road—and “how sweet” it was to WVD 2026 “On the Grove.”

The PARK officers and attending Klub members and other guests were welcomed into the spacious, pristine, intriguing, fully-equipped, tidy—well heated confines of “the building” from 11am-5pm. “The Building” is a venue which hosts, reunions, weddings, parties, church outings/ gatherings according to WFD hosts, Mike, wife Laura

and their son, Brian—and the newest family member, Benji.



Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub expresses appreciation to the entire Coartney Family for providing the best WFD experience, so far. P.A.R.K. President, Larry, KF8NW, intends to sign an Executive Order that will establish “WFD On the Grove”

as the new standard and official site of all future WFD outings.



(foreground) Mayor Dave, KE8RBY, intent on QRP. (left and center) Sean, KD8ORD and Conard, WV8JCR—look on as Larry, KF8NW prepares the CW station at WFD 2026.



(foreground) Mike, KF8EVN calls CQ on 20m ssb at WFD. Travis, KF8CWM gives two-thumbs up—he logged 100+ ssb contacts. Chas, KF9HRD, solved an antenna problem with an end-fed antenna.



Scott, KE8UTO has "his cake and he is eating it too."



KF8NW, checking it out.



Guess Who, hard at "work"



Wow! What a Man Cave, Mike.



Two commemorative WFD cakes were part of the dessert choices at WFD. Norma, KE8UTN and Scott, KE8UTO provided both cakes.

Beautiful site THANKS MIKE!

2025 PARK KLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY BIGGEST EVER



t-shirts, BesTees can apply the logo onto hats, cups, jackets, etc.

In the lower photo of the choir (*zoom in*) you will see Alyssa Daugherty—auburn hair. She is the second young lady from the right, in the front—closest to you. (not counting the accompanist)

But she is closer than that to Travis, KF8CWM, and his XYL, Holly—Alyssa is their daughter.

Here are some more photos of our holiday gathering.

Under the direction of Josh Dubbs, the Parkersburg High School A Capella Choir sings songs of the season for the PARK Klub's annual Christmas Party.



Besides the choir's excellent performance—there are three choir members who have connections to the Klub.

In the top photo, *back row*, the two students on the end (*closest to you*) are twins.

They are Alex and Christian Marshall. These two young men (*under the guidance of their Mom*) own and operate a cottage-industry, “BesTees from your Besties.”

These fellas used the official PARK logo and transferred the logo onto our latest purchase of Klub swag for our members. In addition to long and short sleeve



(*editor's note, thank you all for of the door prize donations*)

PARK MINUTES

Parkersburg Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 13th, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Larry Dale at 6:31 p.m. at Western Sizzler on Route 68.

Last meeting's minutes read aloud by acting scribe, Greg Brannon. Dave moved to approve the minutes. Mike seconded the motion. Meeting minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was read aloud by Jane. Previous balance of \$4,151.09. Received \$53.00 in dues. \$100.55 was paid for a controller. Received \$75.00 from HamFest. New balance \$4,178.54. Treasure's report approved as read.

Introductions were made by 37 members present.

Old Business

Election of Officers – The slate of officers from the last meeting was moved for approval. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed. Officers from last year will remain the same.

FaceBook Page -- is now up.

Volcano Days – Had about 100 contacts. Lots of 40-meter close regional contacts, which was unusual. A good time was had by all.

97 Tower – Located at Blue Knob Road. Conner gave a report. The tower site was bought by GTC Towers which is located in North Carolina. Normally they charge about \$1,000 per month to rent, but offered the club \$300/month to rent. Conner told them it is unlikely the club would approve the \$300 per month fee. Earl said it would be a month or two (December 2025?) before we had to move our antenna. We must have a climbing crew to move it. Larry made a motion to fund the \$300 per month fee. The motion failed. Therefore, we will need helpers to move the 97 tower equipment.

Mesh-Tastic – Conner gave a report. We now have 24 nodes deployed at the 39 tower on Red Hill (KB8GYU). All of Parkersburg and Belpre are coded as of this month. Conner added a link on the club home page in the upper right corner. Conner said if you want to build a node in your house to direct all inquiries to Travis or himself. You will need two nodes in your house. One uses blue tooth. The other is outside. What are they for? 900 MegaHertz for low route, long range, low power. You can send 220 characters via text. It's all on battery or solar power. It costs about \$100. It's text only, but it always makes it through. A motion to reimburse Conner & Travis \$300 for Mesh-Tastic was made by Dave. Libby seconded. Motion passed.

Club Website –Conner added a Mesh-Tastic link and a link to Discord on the web-site. Knowledge Base has been stood up on the web-site. A link to Facebook is on the web-site.

New Business

Christmas Party – Club discussed whether to go with Mary B's or last year's caterer. Norma gave a report. The cost will be \$15 per person. A vote was taken for Mary B's or the old caterer. The old caterer won. Larry solicited people to donate Christmas gifts. No gag-gifts, please. Radio stuff is recommended, but not required. Larry said an ARRL Magazine subscription is a good gift. Bring your own dessert for the Christmas party.

Winter Field Day – Date is January 24th & 25th, 2026. It is a 30-hour event. Rules & Regulations will be posted on the web-site. Location is currently unknown. We can't go to City Park due to on-going construction on the new Pavilion. Seeking suggestions for an alternate site. Will decide in November.

50/50 Raffle – Randy won \$32

Jane found a shirt and a book at her house. Larry raffled them. Scott won.

A YAESU hat was raffled. Sue won.

A cooling bag was raffled. Randy won.

The NUTZY Award was given to Jerry & Mary Wharton.

Earl said a new roster will be available when Jerry comes back. Jerry will send it out.

Jane said dues will be \$16 for 2026 and will be collected starting in January 2026.

Dave made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

PARK MEETING MINUTES Nov. 10, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the Western Sizzlin steakhouse on route 68 S. Larry Dale was presiding.

Introductions were made by 25 people and guess

Minutes of the October meeting were read by Mary W and approved as read

treasures report was given by Jane Hulce beginning balance of \$4168.54.

Some additions of dues and 50-50 raffle money were added to that some expenses were removed by to repay Conner for some equipment. The ending balance is \$3954.54.

Treasurers report was approved as read.

Old business

Some discussion about moving the 97 antenna and repeater because we cannot afford to rent from the new owners. Nothing has been decided yet.

Motion was made to reimburse Conard for equipment he had purse just for the meshtastic nodes. In the amount of \$300. On that note, Larry talked about expanding the nodes in his area by putting a new one on the pole at Hope Well Church of Christ across the street from his house.

Christmas party was mentioned it will be in a regular meeting night but we will be meeting at the Emmanuel Baptist Church on 23rd St. Parkersburg

at 6 o'clock for a catered dinner. You can either have chicken or beef \$15. Members are asked to bring desserts. Also, Larry said that if you could bring a gift for the door prizes, no gag yes please that would be fine. Please contact Theresa Porter for your reservation
New business

Jerry read a letter from the Charleston area ham fest, announcing the date of March 7 it will be at the usual place and time with free parking admission is \$10 \$12 for a table.

Jerry also read an email I had received about obtaining a West Virginia Ham Radio license plate. But Larry, being on the ball said he had already taken care of that and He was going to send the man one Susan's old plates.

An application to be a member of the club was submitted by Mike KF8EVN (Mike Midcap)he was approved for associate membership.

Motion to adjourn the meeting having no further business was made by Scott and approved meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM minutes taken by Mary Wharton dictated by Jerry

12-25

The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub meeting for December was called to order by Larry Dale at 5:30 PM on December 8. The meeting was being held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church on 23rd St. for a catered dinner.

I think there were 43 members and guests in attendance there may have been a couple late people. Larry indicated we would have a short meeting.

The first order of business was excepting Mike MidCap KF8EVN as a full member of the club. Minutes of the November meeting were read by Mary Wharton and approved as read.

The treasurers report was given by Jane Hulce. She made a statement that the audit had been conducted on the books and it came out perfectly, and she had indicated a few expenses that I've been paid out of the treasury over the past month. Her report was accepted as read.

Larry indicated that the Nut-Zee award that was awarded to Mary and Jerry last month is going to be passed on to Jim as a new recipient.

New business
Winter field day club is planning on participating in the winter field day in January. Mike, that's power. Mike made a motion that we use his farm to operate. City Park is not available this year due to construction. Jerry made a motion that we accept the offer and motion was approved.

That was all the business we had to discuss so the meeting was adjourned before 6 o'clock.

After the official close of the meeting, we were entertained by the a cappella chamber choir from PHS. They did at least four numbers for us. They invited everybody to come to their concert next Monday at PHS. We truly appreciate their effort to entertain us and thanks Jane for arranging for the entertainment.

Next item on the agenda was door prizes. Larry had obtained a random number generator, and everybody had signed the sign in sheet from 1 to 43.

There was three tables and door prizes, so there was a good selection to choose from some people got three some people got zero that's why it goes with random drawings. Everybody had a great time though although Larry did say next year, we're gonna limit the door prizes to one or two per person instead of bringing 10 anyway everybody had a good time. We started preparing to leave a little after seven.

Jan. 26 Minutes

Larry Dale called the Parkersburg amateur radio club meeting to order at 6:30. We were meeting at the Western Sizzlin steakhouse on route 68.

27 members and guests appeared on the sign in sheet.

Minutes from the Christmas dinner meeting held at Emmanuel Baptist Church or read by Mary Wharton, and approved is read.

The treasure report was given by Jane Hulce the beginning balance was \$4335.59. After deducting expenses for the Dinner and entertainment the ending balance was \$3637.13. The report was approved as read. Jane also noted that the 2025 audit was perfect with no errors, Thanks Jane.

Old business.

The first item, Larry discussed was the new ARRL promotion year of the club, and The 250 anniversary certificate each state will be allowed to use W1AW call to contact other states. Each state will be given two weeks at staggered times throughout the year. For more details. Contact ARRL website.

The next item on the agenda for the evening was the upcoming Winter Field Day. The winter field day is coming up in two weeks. Power Mike WV8PWR. has volunteered his farm just over the line in Pleasants County for our venue this year/ He has a generator and a tarp and a building you can go to get warm. . Several people have already offered to provide food for the winter field day. The operating hours at right now are scheduled to be from 11 AM to 5 PM on Saturday. Several people are bringing antennas. And radios any help would be appreciated.

50-50 drawing was one by Scott \$30 who donated the money back to the club. Thanks Scott.

New business.

We had two new club member applications to approve. They will be voted on tonight for associate membership for one month and next month they can be voted on as full members. The applicants are. Craig Bayless KE8AZU
J R Morton KD8PYH.

Both applications were approved for associate membership.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at about 7:15 minutes were taken by Mary Wharton dictated by Jerry Wharton

N8UTZ SQUIRREL TALES



Jerry, KA8NJW, editor of *Di-Dah-Dit*, the PARK KLUB's newsletter, received the N8UTZ "Nut-zee" Award and shared it with the first woman to receive the award, Mary, his wife.



Mary, PARK KLUB secretary and Jerry, KA8NJW, display the N8UTZ "Nut-zee" Award in Jerry's radio shack.

The award was granted (at the November Klub meeting) to a couple for the first time).

And Mary is the first YL to receive the honor of holding the Award herself.

KE8TKY takes the latest N8UTZ Nut-zee Award and "takes" Nut-zee to Florida (he may never comeback



Nut-zee poolside in Lake Whales, Florida

The "Nut-zee" Award was given to Jim, KE8TKY, during the business meeting at the PARK Klub's annual Christmas Party, on December 8, 2025, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Parkersburg.

The Nut-zee Nominating Committee, (*comprised of previous award winners*) justified the award selection with reasons like:

"TKY is a great nominee. I can agree. Great person."

"No matter what, Jim is always there participating when others may not. He's always interested in others' activities and projects, always genuinely curious."

"Jim made me feel very welcome as a new ham. He's one of those people who makes amateur radio great."

When Jim was notified of the award, here's what he said,

"Okay, I've had lots of people tell me I was nuts. This is the first time I got an award for it."



(r) Jim, KE8TKY, at home in Little Hocking, Ohio, is Over the Coffee Cup on the W8PAR System. (l) Nut-zee on HF. (OTCC is everyday at 8am on 2-meters)

After Jim's procedure to correct issues with his larynx he was restricted with talking. He said, "My voice is still healing after my treatments—so, I've been listening only. And that's tough on a "talker!"

(update; Jim is back on-the-air full throttle, make that full throated PTL)

One morning while recovering, Jim did more than listen—he checked into OTCC using CW.



The Nut-zee Award itself is now a snowbird and he seems to enjoy all of the activities that all snowbirds like.



During the trip down the group made several stops at Stuckey's for—well, you know what they're famous for and "who" would've scampered to the head of the line.

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Rocky J, Squirrel



Peanut Squirrel



Secret Squirrel



"Big Red" Squirrel



The PARK Klub's "Rambling Radio Rodent," member, affectionately known as "Nut-zee," (N8UTZ), has announced the demise of four of his family members;
Peanut
Rocky
"Secret," (name classified)
Big Red (PHS class of '49)

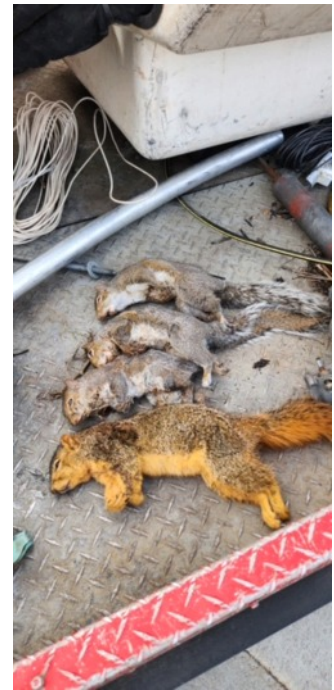
In a tragic series of events during the weekend of December 5-7, 2025, involving 7200 volts of alternating current, four members of the Sciurdae family were electrocuted in separate accidents.

At the request of the Sciurdae family there will be no funeral service, no visitation, no graveside service, or memorial service at this time.

The family expresses their appreciation to the PARK Klub "Coroner," Mike, WV8PAR, for his compassionate care in this difficult time.

Monongahela Power Company is honored to have served the Sciurdae family.

(Caution—graphic image)



NOTE-The editor KA8NJW would like acknowledge the fantastic help of KF8NW. Without his help this newsletter would not have been possible. THANKS Larry!!