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The Voice of the North Hills Amateur Radio Club Electronic Version

January 2009

A paper copy of the newsletter was mailed Sunday afternoon. If you are on my e-mail only list, you will not receive a printed copy.

Due to budget restrictions, the printed version of the newsletter is four pages. Some of the information in the electronic version was received after the printed version was sent to the printer so there was no way to include that information even if I could have done so.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we say good-bye to 2008, let's look forward to 2009 at the North Hills Amateur Radio Club. We have an exciting year planned.

We will have some of our familiar activities the Auction, Field Day, our Hamfest, the picnic / public display, Jamboree On The Air, and the Holiday party. We are also adding some new activities and ideas. Our Fox Hunt, and some antenna construction

But what I am looking for the most is **YOU** to support the Club by attending the meetings and activities. We have over 100 registered members and the same 20 attend the meetings. We need you to become ACTIVE again, only the newsletter is to remain "Static".

Don't forget to renew your membership by paying your dues their only \$15.00. And while you are at it send in your repeater dues of \$20.00. With the D-Star upgrade and tower work on the 444.35 repeater along with 147.090 and 146.880 repairs the repeater treasury needs your support.

I look forward to working with you in 2009 to make the North Hills Amateur Radio Club everything you want it to be.

73
Jim Heiles / KB3IYS
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Club Activities 2009

This year we have several activities meetings planned. This Wednesday, January 28, Bob Hoffman, N3CVL, will give a D-Star Presentation followed by a discussion. After the D-Star presentation, Stephen Zelenko, N3ZX, will discuss a J-Pole antenna kit and mass purchase. Club members will receive a special discount if we order 10 or more kits.

This antenna discussion at the end of the meeting will be part of several home brew antenna projects leading up to this year's Field Day Event. I am hoping there is enough interest and volunteers to work multiple bands. 20, 40, and 80 are the basic stations. How about we expand to have full-time stations on 6, 10, 15, and 160. Field Day is many months from now, however, this is a good time to begin thinking about the event. The goal is to use home made antennas for all bands. A homebrew radio would be a great addition to the mix!

Other activity meetings planned so far will also be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church:

February 25: Auction and Club contest

March 25: Radio Check, Fox Hunt Intro, Boy Scout Scholarships

April 22: J-Pole antenna construction, Field Day prep.

May 27: Field Day Antenna construction and Field Day prep.

2009 Membership

The 2009 Club membership form is part of this newsletter. Please fill it in and send it along with a check to renew or join our Club. This year we are asking users of the NHARC repeaters to donate \$20.00 or more. The donation form is also attached. The Repeater Committee is raising funds to add a two-meter module to our D-Star repeater and begin to purchase equipment for rebuild our two-meter analog repeaters. We cannot do this without your support.

QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

Have you been licensed for 25 years or more? Well then meet with members of the QCWA on Saturday, March 14, 2009, 11:30 AM at Rocky II on Route 51, Stowe Twp. (McKees Rocks) at the Fleming Park Bridge. Of course you're invited. Great food, beverage, and conversation.

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Public Service Events

Support the public service promise of amateur radio by volunteering yourself and your equipment. Kathy King is our Allegheny County Emergency Coordinator, ka3vxm@arrl.net To volunteer, check into the Allegheny County Public Service Net every Wednesday evening at 9:00 PM on the W3EXW 147.090 repeater.

St. Patrick Day Parade Saturday, March 14, 2009 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM from Mellon Arena to the Point contact Mike and Kathy King, ka3vxm@arrl.net

Pittsburgh Marathon: Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The course is 26 miles all around Pittsburgh neighborhoods. 150 amateurs are needed to support mile markers, water and aid stations, officials. Contact Jeff Hutzlemin, N3NHS. www.marathon.central.org/N3NHS

Race for the Cure: Sunday, May 10, 2009. The race will be held in Schenley Park from 6:30 AM to Noon. This event supports Breast Cancer research and the Susan B. Kohman Foundation.

Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix: Saturday, July 18, 2009 and Sunday, July 19, 2009 from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. This event will also be held in Schenley Park.

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VE Schedule

The following is the VE schedule. Testing will be held at the Northland Library

FEBRUARY 14

MARCH 14

APRIL 11

MAY 9

JUNE 13

JULY 11

AUGUST 15

SEPTEMBER 12

OCTOBER 10

NOVEMBER 14

DECEMBER NO TESTING

All sessions will begin at noon. Walk-ins are welcome. If you have special needs, please contact me. This schedule is for the Breezeshooters and the North Hills ARC.

Bob Benna / N3LWP 412-366-0488 n3lwp@verizon.net

2009 Hamfest Schedule

22 Feb 2009 **Washfest 2009 Wireless Association of South Hills**

<http://n3sh.org>, Talk-In: 146.955- 131.8 Contact: Kevin Smith, N3HKQ, 111
Watson Drive, Monongahela, PA 15063, 724-258-4153 Fax: 412-777-0727
Email: n3hkg@amsat.org

Castle Shannon Fire Department Memorial Hall
3600 Library Rd Route 88
Castle Shannon, PA 15234.

1 Mar 2009 **MARCFEST 2009 Monessen Amateur Radio Club**

MARC-W3CSL <http://w3csl.org/> , Talk-In: 147.225+ Contact: John Graham,
N3OVO, 1228 Mississippi Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216 412-287-8291
Email: n3ovo1@gmail.com

Blaine Hill VFD, 409
Oxford Avenue,
Elizabeth, PA

8 Mar 2009 **Foothills ARC**

<http://www.w3lww.org/> , Talk-In: 147.180+ 131.8 Contact: Frank J. Rossi, Jr.,
N3FLR 707 9th Street, Irwin, PA 15642
724-989-0462

Email: N3FLR@arrl.net
Hose Company #1
6 McLaughlin Drive
Greensburg, PA

26 Apr 2009 **Two Rivers Amateur Radio Club**

<http://www.tworiversarc.com> Talk-In: 146.130 / 146.730 Contact: Bill Hetrick,
N3LQC, 696 King St. McKeesport, PA 15132, 412-751-1937

Email: hamfest@tworiversarc.com

The Spectrum of Boston
6100 Smithfield Street
Boston, PA

7 Jun 2009 **Hamfest and Computer Show Breezeshooters ARC**

<http://www.breezeshooters.net> Talk-In: 147.300+

Contact: Robert W. Benna, N3LWP, 1010 Willow Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-
2225 412-366-0488

Fax: 412-366-0486

Email: n3lwp@verizon.net

Butler, PA, Butler Farm Show Grounds
Route 68, next to The Butler Farm Show Airport,
Butler, PA

12 July 2009 **North Hills Amateur Radio Club**

www.nharc.org

Talk-In 147.090+ 88.5

Contact: Cathy Heiles, KB3OYS, 134 Easley
Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. 412-600-
3846

Email: kb3oys@arrl.net

Northland Public Library

300 Cumberland Road

Town of McCandless, PA 15237

23 Aug 2009 **Hamfest & Western Pennsylvania Section Convention**

Skyview Radio Society

<http://www.skyviewradio.net>

Talk-In: 146.64- 131.8

Contact: Bob Boehmer, KG3F 412-860-0046 , Fax: 412-826-3738

Email: SkyviewHamfest2009@verizon.net

Skyview Radio Society, 2335 Turkey Ridge
Road, New Kensington, PA 15068

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Change

We have been hearing a lot about change. The NHARC is also going through a change itself. Several people have volunteered to support the Club and to make it more interesting to the membership. As our Club's President pointed out, your help is needed for Club events and Club nets. We also want to stop saying: "This is how we have always done it". It is time to break out of the old mold and reinvent our Club.

We would like to hear about experiences with bands we do not commonly use such as 160 meters and 6 meters. We are looking for antenna projects and someone to discuss the activity in these bands.

2009 Board of Directors

President: Jim Heiles, KB3IYS

Vice President: Bill Kristoff, N3BPB

Secretary: Charles Maus, WB3DHL

Treasurer: Ken Goodwin, N3XGZ

Activities Director: Cathy Heiles, KB3OYS

Equipment Trustee: Al Van Maele, W3OVZ and Jay Brassell, AK30

Director: [end 2012] Ed DeHart, WA3YOA

Rochester Hamfest

John Gorman submitted this for publication.

January 20, 2009

Re: Help spread the TRUTH about the Rochester Hamfest.

Hi John,

We need the assistance of the North Hills ARC to help clear the air. The Rochester Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (RARA) has been producing the Rochester Hamfest for the last 74 years. For many years the Hamfest Committee Chairman was Harold Smith, K2HC. At the November meeting of the RaRa BoD it was voted to change the venue and the time frame for the Hamfest. Harold refused to comply and was relieved of his duties. In defiance he refuses to cooperate and because Harold's name is associated with the original Hamfest web site, the BoD at this time does not have control of what is displayed there. Since RARA is the parent organization of the current, and past, Hamfest Committee you can be assured that what RARA says in print and on the web site "www.rochesterham.org" is the TRUTH. The ARRL has already recognized the change in venue and time frame and the "New Rochester Hamfest" is the location of the Atlantic Division Convention for 2009. This can be verified at: "<http://www.arrl.org/sections/WNY.html>".

We realize how confusing this can be if people see Harold's postings on the internet. We have requested he remove the confusing content numerous times, each met with flat out refusal. It's disappointing that someone who has put a great deal of effort into the event in the past has taken up the position to confuse the public. This certainly demonstrates his disloyalty to the club, the event, and his fellow HAMS.

We at RaRa would greatly appreciate it if you and the North Hills ARC could use your channels of communications to inform your members, and other area HAMS of the TRUTH: There will only be one Hamfest, not two, and The Rochester Hamfest will be held Saturday May 30th, at the Barnard Carnival Grounds. Further details are available at "www.rochesterham.org". Warn them that K2HC no longer has anything to do with the Rochester Hamfest and people should

disregard his solicitations for ticket sales. Admission tickets are now only \$5.00 and being sold exclusively at the gate. If anyone is still in disbelief, encourage them to contact their ARRL representative for clarification.

The 2009 Rochester Hamfest flyer can be downloaded here:

http://www.rochesterham.org/Documents/2009_Rochester_Hamfest-Flyer.pdf

Thank you VERY much!

Sincerely,

WB2PYD Frank Schramm President, Rochester Amateur Radio Assn Inc.

Pittsburgh Marathon

After a five-year hiatus, the Pittsburgh marathon is back! The marathon's 20th running will take place on May 3, 2009. Once again, we have been asked to help. To fully cover all of the mile markers, aid stations, and other positions along the 26.2 mile course, we will need over 150 volunteer amateur radio operators, including you!

If you're new to the hobby or have never participated in a public service event, please don't let that stop you from joining us. We have a variety of positions for new and experienced hams alike, and will provide you with the information and support you need. This is an excellent opportunity to gain the experience needed to help out during an emergency, all while having fun and doing a service to our community.

Online registration is quick and easy. Just visit marathon.central.org, click "Volunteer Now!", and fill out the form. You will receive your assignment and detailed instructions during the last week of April. There will also be a pre-race meeting the day before the marathon, at which we'll review what to expect on race day, answer any questions you have, and provide your T-shirt, hat, and marathon credentials.

I look forward to your participation.

73, Jeffrey Hutzelman, N3NHS

2009 NHARC Membership Form

Name: _____
Call Sign: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip + 4 _____
Phone: (home) _____
Phone: (work) _____
License Class: _____ ARRL Member: (yes or no) _____
E-Mail: _____
Receive Newsletter via E-Mail (yes or no) _____

Club dues are \$15.00 per year. Your donations are also very welcome. Make check payable to **North Hills Amateur Radio Club**, and mail your check with SASE to Cathleen Heiles, 134 Easley Rd, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237 (412-486-2785) or bring your dues to the next Club meeting.

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Repeater Committee Donations

Name: _____
Call Sign: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip + 4 _____
Phone: (home) _____
Phone: (work) _____
License Class _____
E-Mail: _____

I am enclosing a donation of \$ _____ to help defray the costs of operation and maintenance of the repeaters. Donations of \$20.00 or more include auto-patch privileges on the 146.88 and 147.09 repeaters. New repeater members must include a copy of their current amateur license. Make your check payable to: **North Hills Amateur Radio Club – Repeaters**, and mail to Repeater Committee's Treasurer William E. Kristoff, Jr. N3BPB, 205 Twin Oak Dr., Wexford, PA 15090-8635 (724-935-3466).