
SINE WAVES

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday September 17th, 7:30 PM at St Marks Lutheran Church



CLUB WEBSITE

Don't forget to check the club website for the latest club news and happenings

www.sjara.org

Check-in on the club net which is held every Tuesday at 9:00 P. M. on the 147.210 repeater. This repeater requires a PL Tone of 103.5 for access.

The ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Award

The ARRL has a very prestigious award named for its founder that is presented to young amateurs under 21 who have demonstrated excellence in many points of Amateur Radio. The award recognizes those ARRL members who have exhibited exceptional leadership, technical aptness, operating prowess, recruiting proficiency and a knack for public relations in the past year. It rewards one young ham each year who has taken an interest in the well-being of Amateur Radio.

The 2008 [Hiram Percy Maxim Award](#) recipient is 15 year old Jason Hatfield, KD8FDD, of Grafton, West Virginia. When Jason was 13 and on a Boy Scout camp-out, his Scoutmaster Steve Milligan, W1IEU, was teaching the [Radio](#)

[merit badge](#) and had set up an HF station. "I'm not exactly sure why I was interested, but it just seemed like something I wanted to try" Jason told me. "I saw no reason why I couldn't get licensed, and since then, I've been loving every minute of it."

Once while on a hunting trip, Jason and some family and friends got snowed in at a hunting cabin: "I had my handheld transceiver with me, and was able to get on the local repeater and find out what was going on. Since then, I've had an even deeper interest in the hobby."

Jason is involved with scouts; he is currently a Life Scout working on his Eagle project -- I'll get to that in a second. While his troop has a "No Electronics" rule for camp-outs, Jason has been able to take his handheld transceiver -- and even some HF gear -- on campouts. Aside from just getting on the air and showing off ham radio, he even teaches the Radio merit badge at a

winter campout they have every year. Jason has even gotten one of his friends to become licensed!

When not recruiting, Jason enjoys PSK31 and Slow Scan Television. "I like the idea of integrating computers and radios," he told me, "and that I'm using a mode that amateurs started and other industries have adopted."

Now to that Eagle project: Jason mentioned he was working on it and I just had to ask what it was. His answer? "I'm building a repeater system to get a SKYWARN net operational in our area."

Congratulations to Jason Hatfield, KD8FDD, for being awarded the 2008 ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Award.

from the ARRL Website

WV3WLC, SK

Thomas Maxwell Butcher

WESTON — Thomas Maxwell Butcher, 66, of 2585 Old Mill Rd., Weston, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, at his residence following a sudden illness.

He was born in Lewis County on Jan. 24, 1943, a son of the late Burton Benjamin Butcher and Twiana (Maxwell) Butcher.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Butcher was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Ann Butcher. He was the last member of his immediate family.

He is survived by several special friends, Patty Workman, the Clem family, the Heater family, the Carpenter family, Mabel Wine and the late Dewey Wine.

Mr. Butcher was a glassworker with West Virginia Glass Specialty Company of Weston with several years of service. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Weston. Tom was a member of the Amateur Ham Radio Association and loved electric trains.

Family and friends will be received at the Hardman-Paletti Funeral Home, 730 N. Main Ave., Weston, WV, on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. from the Hardman-Paletti Funeral Home chapel with Father Steve Vallelonga as celebrant. Interment will follow services in the Broad Run Cemetery of Jane Lew, WV.

Hardman-Paletti Funeral Home of Weston is in charge of the arrangements for Thomas Maxwell Butcher.



AUGUST MEETING

With ten members in attendance Club President Dave Anderson, N8YPE, called the August 20, 2009 meeting to order and then ask for a motion to accept the minutes from the July Meeting as taken from the newsletter. Motion to accept by Tom Bell KB8WRZ - motion passed.

Next was the Treasurers Report by Dick Wilt K8TPH. With a balance of \$1505.85 a motion was made and passed to accept the report.

Next, under new business was a short discussion about the clubs participation in S.E. T. More on this during the September meeting.

The 2nd item under new business was about JOTA to be held at Camp Mahonigan the 3rd weekend in October. Volunteers are needed and for those staying overnight inside accommodations are available.

After volunteers were taken for net controls a motion was made to adjourn, motion passed.