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Prez Says

Fall has officially arrived! The temperatures and the leaves are falling. I could get used to the cool temperatures. If it wasn't for the white stuff that's on the way I might be tempted to stay here for the Winter (NOT).

We finished the last public service event today (9/29). It was the "Race for Recovery" which used to be the "Run Around Erie". The proceeds go to helping folks affected by chemical dependencies. I would like to THANK all the folks that helped out today as well as all the operators who helped with all the Public Service events this summer. We had a couple of new events this year and we were well received by the groups that we helped.

Things are moving along at the Clubhouse. The last of the BIG trees came down last week making way for the new beam antennas that will be installed. The new crank-up tower has arrived and it has been bolted to the base. A rotor and required cables have been ordered so we shouldn't be too far from getting the tower standing up. A couple of other projects are underway as well. A new mounting plate where the antennas enter the building is in process. Lightening arrestors for each of the antennas will be mounted to this plate. A 220VAC line still needs to be run to power our new amplifier.

The amp has been checked out and is ready to go. I would like to thank Rick WA3MKT for leading on these projects and THANKS to all the people helping out on these projects.

October will be the last meeting at the clubhouse for this year. We will move to the Red Cross Building for the winter starting in November. John WB3IFD plans on continuing to open the clubhouse on Thursday evenings for folks interested in operating our rigs or learning about Amateur Radio. Of course club members can use the rigs at the clubhouse anytime they would like. 73,

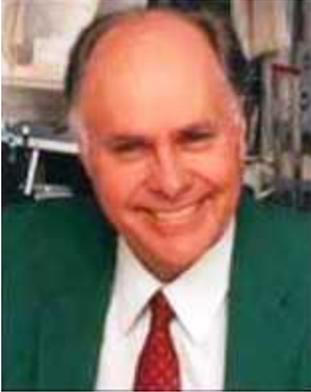
Doug AD4UL

SK Wayne Green

Perhaps you remember Wayne Green, W2NSD (Never Say Die). Wayne passed to wouff hong heaven on September 13.

**Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting –
October 3 at the Wagner Road Club
House at 7 PM. Hot Dogs at 6 PM**





Wayne was the editor of 73 Magazine for many years and in the mid 70s promoted personal computing in Byte Magazine. I subscribed to 73 magazine for many years eagerly awaiting Wayne's editorial each month. Wayne was a thinker and discussed many controversial subjects. I did not always agree with his comments but the sure were a fun read. I also learned a great deal about the practice of Amateur Radio from the contributors to 73 Magazine. Wayne was a popular speaker at various ham radio conventions and a supporter of Amateur Radio education of youngsters. Wayne was a real character and will be missed by many Radio Amateurs.

Wayne 73 es GL de N8WXQ SK
<<http://www.waynegrn.com/wayne/news.html>

She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

First Ham in Erie County

Information is very scarce on the history of ham radio in Erie County. As far as I can tell, Edward E. Sly was the first amateur licensed in Erie County. Edward E. Sly 8QT, 1820 Myrtle was listed running 144 watts in a 1913 edition of the call book. Fred F Hultgren 8WR, 710 West 2nd Street running 12 watts was listed in 1915 edition. Both were listed in the 1920

edition. At the time we were in the 8th call district and to complicate matters more, France also used 8 as a prefix.

Edward E. Sly moved to Connellsville. He died in a car accident January 10, 1941 coming home from church. Normally his wife would drive but she wasn't feeling well, so Ed drove.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

Join the RAE reflector.

A lot of people want to receive announcements about the RAE. The best way to do this is subscribe to the newsgroup or "reflector" in ham speak. We use the QTH.net. Go to

<http://www.qth.net/mailman/listinfo>

Scroll down the lists until you find W3GV and click on it. Fill out the required information on the form and then click on the Subscribe button. You will then receive an e-mail with instructions to subscribe to the group.

Scouts Jamboree on the Air



The weekend of October 19-20 we want to open the club house to local scouting groups to

operate the radios. We will need operators to run the four radios. If you are available and can help, please call John Lindvay or Joe Ponchak and let us know when you can show up.

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them."

Phyllis Diller

Wouff Hong's Unearthed

By Jim Maxwell, W6CF

April 1, 2002

It's that time of year again when a ham's fancy turns to...gardening? This normally respectable ARRL official reports an unusual crop.



We all know that The Old Man (Hiram Percy Maxim) was the discoverer of the [Wouff Hong](#). Its history has been reported in *QST* on a number of occasions. So, we know *where* it came from, but we have never known--until now--exactly *what* it is. Is it animal, vegetable, or mineral? The original Wouff Hong, on display at ARRL HQ in Newington, Connecticut, seems to be made of some fibrous material, unquestionably vegetable. Wood? A root? What? The answer is surprising--it's not only vegetable material, it *is* a vegetable.

Several years ago while fishing in the McKenzie River in central Oregon--with Wolf Laskowski, KD6WUZ--my line caught a snag. At first I thought it might be an old root or perhaps an old

decayed log. It took several minutes to get the material to shore. When it was safely out of the water we were absolutely astounded to note that it was a perfectly formed Wouff Hong! Where did it come from? Why was it there? We rummaged through the thick foliage growing along the river bank, and within only a few minutes found another one. It was firmly rooted in the ground, but seemed to have shed some seeds, shaped like miniature Wouff Hong's. The rich soil of the valley and the high water content of the soil, only a few feet from the rushing water of the McKenzie River, seemed to provide ideal growing conditions for the Wouff Hong.

Of course we had to test our theory that the McKenzie River Valley is ideal for growing Wouff Hong's. In spring 2001 we took a portion of the small number of seeds we had found and planted them in a small plot only a few dozen feet from the river. We're happy to report that the first crop did very well indeed. It took work, however, for they require regular attention to make certain that they grow in a near weed-free environment. The Hong's have been washed and laid out to dry. We managed to get 23 good ones this first time around.

Wouff Hong's are rare and very expensive. They are auctioned on the eBay Web site from time to time, and always bring very high prices. This is a pity, for the many beneficial effects of Wouff Hong's are well known: when used properly, they reduce interference, improve propagation, and can be used to punish those who misuse our bands. With this new discovery, it's clear that there is no need for Wouff Hong's to be the rare items they have been for many years. . We intend to make Wouff Hong's as ubiquitous as hand-held radios, for we believe that *every* ham

who wants one should be able to obtain one, and at a reasonable price.



Wolf Laskowski, KD6WUZ, is cultivating our Hong garden. The health and vigor of the many plants is obvious. [Photos by the author]

Consistent with that belief, we're presently clearing land in the McKenzie River Valley for our Wouff Hong farm. Soon every deserving ham will have an opportunity to obtain one. All profits will go to the [ARRL Foundation](#).

FOR SALE

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Phone: 814-403-3906

Ham Radio Calendar

October 1 – Corry Amateur Radio Club Meeting

October 3 – Radio Association of Erie Meeting

October 5 – California QSO Party. See <http://www.cqp.org/>

October 8 – Wattsburg Wireless Club Meeting

October 10 – Union City Wireless Club Meeting

October 12 – Arizona QSO Party. See <http://www.azqsoparty.org/>

October 12 – Pennsylvania QSO Party. See <http://www.nittany-arc.net/>

October 12 - Lester Dent-Doc Savage Mystery Special Event. W0D, La Plata, MO. Macon County Amateur Radio Club.
See www.maconcountyarcl.net

October 14 - Columbus Day

October 19 – Scouts Jamboree on the Air. See <http://www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota>

October 19 – Ve Exams at Greene Township Bldg.

October 19 - Iowa QSO Party. See www.wa0dx.org

October 19 – New York QSO Party. See <http://www.rdx.com/index.php/>

October 20 - Illinois QSO Party. See www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html

October 21 - School Club Roundup. See www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup

October 26 - CQ World Wide SSB Contest. See www.cqww.com