

HRAC meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at HACC, Shumaker Public Safety Center, Gate 5 on Industrial Road in Harrisburg (Elmer Time starts at 6:30PM)

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Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club Newsletter

From The Desk of The President.....

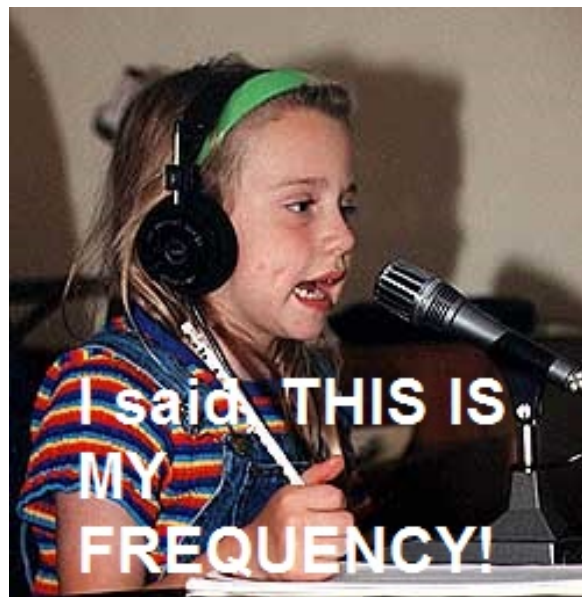
October, the month of the PA QSO Party. This is a fun contest; one of the few contests that I participate in. As a matter of fact, participating last year gave me enough PA contacts to qualify for the Keystone Award. Who knows, maybe this year I'll earn an endorsement for my certificate. But whatever the case, I plan to operate and see how many contacts I can make. I strongly encourage anyone who has the time to get on the air and party, party, PARTY.

One of the agenda items for this month's meeting is operating a special event station to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the PA National Fire Museum. The museum opened in November, 1995. Richard, KB3YRC, suggested doing this to promote both the museum and the club. I haven't seen the proposed operating location, although I've been to the museum a few times over the years. It sounds like it will be a fun event, operating inside where it's warm and dry and close to bathrooms. Those are all plus factors in my book. I'll be checking out the location this week so I hope to have some good information to report at the meeting.

That's it for this edition. I hope to see you at the meeting.

73,

Tim KB3OZA



August Meeting Minutes

The September 9, 2015 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club was called to order at 1902 HRS by the president, Tim (KB3OZA).

Secretary Report - The minutes of the May meeting were published in the newsletter. Chuck (N3WL) made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Rick (K2RBT). Motion PASSED

Treasurers Report – Tim (KB3OZA) presented the treasurer’s report. Rick (K2RBT) made a motion, seconded by Richard (KB3YRC) to accept the report. Motion PASSED

Equipment Trustee – No Report

Repeater –

- There is a search for a new repeater site.
- The coordination for the UHF repeater is pending

VE Committee – The next test session will be on October 18.

Membership Committee – No Report

Newsletter – No Report

Web page – Not Present

EMCOMM – The .110 repeater is down and the repair ticket has been sent in. An inquiry will be made as to a new backup repeater.

DXCC –No Report

Entertainment – Not present

Hamfest – The application for use of the student union building has been sent in.

Elmer Time – This month Terry (WB3BKN) did a presentation about what to look for in a new HF radio. Terry (WB3BKN) requested ideas for future topics.

Old Business –

- There was a motion made by Richard (KB3YRC) for \$200 for the trailer project seconded by Rick (K2RBT). Motion PASSED
- There was discussion of the club being the PA QSO Party Bonus station for next year.

New Business – None

Good of the Club –

- Thursday the 17th WB4APR, the founder creator of APRS will be speaking at the Harrisburg Country Club
- Fun was had at the Turnpike special event.

Adjournment – There being no further business to conduct, Dave (N3DSA) made a motion, seconded by Neil (N3JQM), to adjourn. Motion PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 1934 HRS.

Weekly HRAC Net

The weekly information net is held every Wednesday at 8:00 PM on the 146.760 repeater, except for the second Wednesday of the month, which is club meeting night.

Please send any articles for the newsletter to hrac.newsletter@Yahoo.com

The next VE Testing session will be on Saturday October 17, 2015 in the HACC Shumaker building at Gate 5 on Industrial road, Harrisburg, PA. Pre-Registration is required. Please arrive by 8:30am

Contact: Steven Gobat [717-938-6943](tel:717-938-6943) Email: KA3PDQ@arrl.net.

I welcome subjects for the Elmer Time sessions from anyone, including our seasoned radio amateurs. Subjects should be something to expand on questions in the license exam that may need a clearer understanding. Either email the ideas to me at Terry@DJTerry.com, or text at 717-979-9515.

Tnx 73

Terry WB3BKN



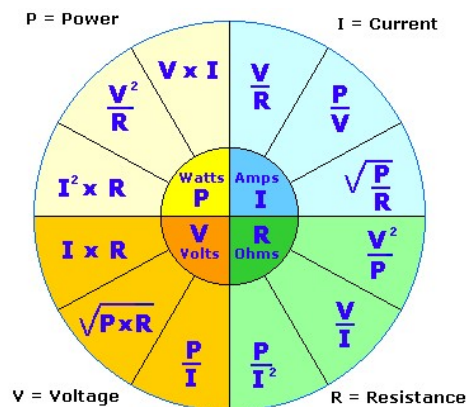
Great Amateur Radio Event in October

By Don Kunst W3LNE

The 6th Annual JOTA, Jamboree On The Air, is October 16, 17, 18 in Upper Dauphin County. This weekend of camping gets bigger every year, with some exciting new activities this year. We still will have the Radio Merit Badge and tons of fun. If you haven't attended this event in the past years, it is the one to put on your calendar for the fall. <http://www.k2bsa.net/jota/>

Please let me know if you are interested in attending or staffing this great weekend. This is open to all Troops and Venture Crews in the Council.

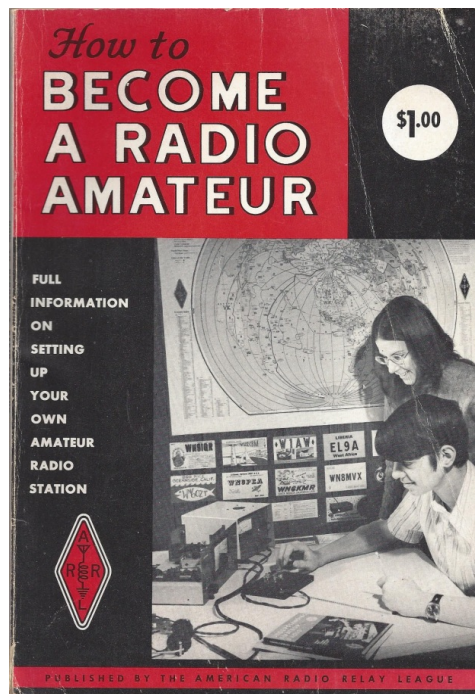
I can be reached via email at: w3lne@arrl.net or by phone at: 717-712-9116



Answers to Top 10 Amateur Radio Questions on Social Media

With questions omitted:

10. No, that's not a contest you heard on that WARC band.
9. You should probably study.
8. Yes, the bands are dead and it's not your rig/antenna/coax/ears/QTH.
7. Whatever rig/logging program/medication best fits your needs.
6. No, not all young people are lazy.
5. Yes, that QSL/awards system is a PITA, but you'll eventually figure it out like we did.
4. It just is.
3. Yes, we've heard the LIDs on that frequency and, no, you're not the first person to hear them. Yes, the FCC knows about them, and no, you're not going to stop them with your crusade/monitoring/recordings/complaints/hand-wringing/prayer group.
2. No one shops at that store anymore. Yes, it sucks and has for several decades. Don't go to that store.
1. Google.



Riley Hollingsworth to Speak

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired Special Counsel, Amateur Radio Service Enforcement Bureau will be speaking November 19 at 7 PM, at the Colonial Golf & Tennis Club, 4901 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, Pa 17112.

<http://www.hamjam.info/RileyHollingsworth.html>

Colonial Golf and Tennis Club info can be found here:

<http://www.clubsatcolonialridge.com/#!/contact-us/cyha>

Come at 5:30 PM to eat and have your favorite beverage. You may order from their menu. No buffet will be available.

http://media.wix.com/ugd/ae9e97_426a1188cd0145e6941cada870b7cb23.pdf

We will dine and meet in the Colonial Room. It is quiet with good acoustics.



In 1998 Hollingsworth became Special Counsel with the new Enforcement Bureau and re-started the Amateur Radio Service enforcement program. He also managed the interference resolution programs in the Land Mobile and Public Safety services.

Prior to his joining the Enforcement Bureau, Hollingsworth was Deputy Chief of Licensing, Assistant Bureau Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and legal advisor to the Compliance and Information Bureau (formerly the Field Operations Bureau).

Hollingsworth managed the FCC 800 MHz Lottery Task Force in which new 800 MHz spectrum was assigned in 13 cities. He organized the FCC's program in which underutilized radio channels were recovered for reassignment in major cities.

He participated as a Member of the Delegation from the U.S. State Department to Bucharest, Romania to discuss radio licensing in the United States and opening foreign markets to American manufacturers. He also acted as Co-Chairman for the FCC PCS Broadband and Narrowband Licensing Task Force and for that received a Vice President Gore "Hammer Award" for efficiency in government.

Hollingsworth holds a Master's degree from the University of South Carolina, and a Law degree from Wake Forest University.

He is a member of the Quarter Century Wireless and FISTS CW associations and has been an Amateur since 1960. His call sign is K4ZDH and he lives in Gettysburg, PA with his wife Pat, who actually thinks the radio tower in the backyard is really cool-- and in fact helped him build it!

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Monthly Ham Radio Lunch

The last Thursday of each month there is a Ham Radio Lunch at the "Old Country Buffet" at noon (unless it is a major holiday).

This restaurant is located on Route 22 in Colonial Park in the vicinity of Value City Furniture, K-Mart and Home Depot.

It's a great way to meet new people!

From the Editor's Desk

It seems to be a slow month for news from the field reporters. Even Jimmy Olson has not submitted any pictures of Superman for a while. I am hoping to carve out a bit of time in the next week or three to install a tower on the old farm house and stick that Force 12 C4 on top of it. I hear that cold weather will soon arrive and make such work difficult. I have one person lined up for ground crew so far. So, until next month, keep those cards and letters coming in, and don't forget pictures, and stories for the next edition.

I welcome and encourage submissions to be published. I am just asking for you all to understand and follow a few guidelines. As an editor, my job is to compile stories as submitted to me, and to check for misspelled words, and grammar problems. Your job is to submit a ready to print article. If you have pictures, please add them to your email and they will be placed into the article. If your story is only fragmented sentences, or just copy points, it will be returned to you to correct. This is not because I am a bad guy, but because it takes valuable time to decipher the meaning intended. Please write any articles from the viewpoint of a reader who knows absolutely nothing about the subject. This includes including the meanings of acronyms.

Please do not wait until a day before publication date to submit things. If that is done, it will not be included. Most, if not all regular information is known by the middle of any month, and should be submitted immediately. If you are writing an article about an event, write it while the event is fresh in your mind, and submit it. Don't wait until the end of the month. Send articles to HRAC.newsletter@Yahoo.com.

Tnx 73

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Make checks payable to HRAC—Membership is \$15.00 (\$7.50 if over 65) per year.
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