



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.....

June is here and I hope everyone has been keeping cool during these last few days of scorching weather. We are getting ready for our two major events of the year; Field Day (June 24) and the Firecracker Hamfest (July 1).

Field day should be an enjoyable event this year. The folks on the trailer committee have been hard at work getting the finishing touches in place to make the trailer the plug-and-play operation that we have envisioned it to be. Set-up this year should be a breeze and operations should be quite comfortable. Kudos to Bill, KE3YC, Charlie, W3CWT and Terry, WB3BKN, for all of your hard work.

The Firecracker is the weekend following Field Day. We will need as much help as we can get to direct tailgaters to their parking spots, sell tickets at the main gate and otherwise generally help out with whatever needs to be done. It's a fun day and is our major fundraising event of the year. I hope to see lots of members turn out to help work this event.

That's it for now. See you all at the meeting.

73,

Tim KB3OZA



May 2017 Meeting Minutes

The May 10, 2017 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1903 HRS by the President, Tim Lehman (KB3OZA). The usual member introductions were made. The question of "Have you ever participated in an Emergency Drill" was presented to the attendees.

Secretary Report – The minutes of the April 2017 Minutes were published in the newsletter. Motion to accept the March minutes Chuck (K3WL), seconded by Lee (KD3U) Motion Passed

Treasurers Report – Joe (KQ3F) presented the Treasurer's Report. Chuck (K3WL) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Steve (KC3EJU), Motion PASSED.

Equipment Trustee – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that everything was normal and accounted for.

License Trustee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that there no changes.

Repeater Committee

Power amplifier. The amplifier was replaced at a cost of \$299.00 Motion was made by Lee (KD3U) and seconded by Nick (AA3T) to pay the invoice for the amplifier. Motion Carried

Terry (WB3BKN) brought up the need for a Phone/control line for the repeater. Terry suggested that a wireless home phone service would be the least expensive way to accomplish this need. The cost of this service would be about \$20.00 a month (plus taxes and fees). Steve (KC3EJU) made a motion to purchase the service and Seconded by Bill (KE3YC). Motion carried. Steven (KA3PDQ) will purchase the service.

Laurel VE Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the Team conducted (2) sessions in the month of April. The first was at HACC with (2) applicants. The second was at Harrisburg Academy where the Team tested 18 students with 15 passing element 2. Next session at HACC is June 17 2017 0900 hours local.

Membership Committee – The Club has 101 members with 73 being ARRL.

Newsletter Editor – Terry (WB3BKN), reported that he is always in need of articles.

Web Page – The Firecracker Hamfest information has been posted

Emergency Communications – Terry (WB3BKN) is still looking for volunteers to take over this position. Terry reported that he will be offering training to those interested.

DXCC Committee - No Report

Entertainment – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that the June meeting will feature Field Day and Hamfest planning.

Hamfest Committee – The Firecracker Hamfest Flyers are completed and are available from Tim (KB3OZA). The Hamfest will be held on July 1, 2017 at HACC.

Field Day – Terry reported that the trailer is ready for action.

Elmer Time – Terry (WB3BKN) has several topics in mind.

Old Business –.

New Business – Terry (WB3BKN) and Bill (KE3YC) discussed (2) Special Event Stations. One would be at the Famous Horseshoe Curve and the other at Wospy Mountain both in Blair County, PA. Tentative dates for these events are July 16 and August 20, 2017

Good of the Club – Ham Luncheon at the Old Country Buffet will be on May 25, 2017.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2005 HRS. Motion made by KD3U, Seconded by KE3YC

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ

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@Gmail.com

Our June test session is scheduled for Saturday June 17, 2017 at HACC. We will be at the usual place and testing starts at 9:00 A.M. so please arrive by 8:30.

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ

I purchased an HP 6830 Office Jet Pro Printer, FAX, Copier, Scanner at Staples in Nov. 2015. For some reason, I decided to spring for the 2 year warranty for \$15. I generally don't go for such things.... The other day the auto feed function on the FAX, Copier modes stopped working... It still works fine when you do one sheet at a time... (The printer part is still fine – different paper feed systems)

I decided to see how good this warranty was and I called their 24 hr. number.. I hooked up with a young lady in Pakistan.. After wandering thru the usual mine field of this number and that number, she told me that a check would be mailed to me within 3 business days for the full purchase price!!

The fact that I had used a coupon, didn't matter. The refund was the FULL price of the printer! Wow! I used it for 18 months, and got more than I paid for it! I could keep the printer and dispose of it on my own (or use it -- she didn't say that!)

Bottom line, it might be prudent to pay attention, when folks try to sell you those extended warranties... I know I will....

BTW --- the warranty company was Square Trade sold through Staples.

73

de Glenn, K3SWZ

Hamfest, Why We Do It, and Your Part In It

By Terry Snyder WB3BKN

Every year our club puts on an event known as the FireCracker Hamfest. We all know it is coming, and a lot of planning goes into it. Why do we do this anyway? The answer is really for several reasons, but the main reason anyone would take on such a task is simply to gather revenue to keep the club operating. Every club has ongoing expenses, and we are no different. We have to pay for the location in which we have our monthly meetings, and then there are the usual expenses. What expense could there be? Here is a partial list: Rent for the location where the repeater is located, repair and upkeep of the repeater and antenna system. Insurance on equipment and liability insurance. Equipment that is used in our communications trailer, and ongoing expense of the trailer and equipment. Snacks for the meetings, and the list goes on. There is even a charge for the area where we hold the hamfest. In short, nothing is free, and does not appear out of thin air.

Now for your part: Our hamfest requires people to make it come to life. You all have a full summer of hamfests that are close enough for you to sell your things. It is a responsibility of each member to participate in planning, and, or, execution of the event. Last year several members came early to secure a spot to sell things and offered no help. It must be important to them to sell things. This should not be the case. If you really must sell something, consider a "Club Table". That way you could label items and ONE person could staff the table, and you would be available to help park vendors, and visitors, to sell tickets, to direct traffic, or any other assignments that come along.

REMEMBER! This is an important revenue generating event for the club. Your help is needed, and there is a hamfest really close the following day. Be on site at 5:00AM with your portable 2 meter communicating device, and comfortable shoes. The busiest time is between 5AM and about 9AM.

Special Event Stations for This Summer

Each summer the special event committee (Bill KE3YC, and Terry WB3BKN) come up with interesting places to show off amateur radio to the public, and have some fun on the air. This year we will be using the club communications trailer and setup will be a breeze. Listen for us on 40 and 20 meters. All are welcome to join us on the trip. Operators will have fun meeting people and promoting amateur radio and good will. We usually leave early to be on site by 9am.

Two locations were selected for this summer. The first one will be at the Horse Shoe Curve park in Blair County PA, 2400 Veterans Memorial Highway, Altoona, PA 16601. The date is Sunday July 16, 2017.

The second Special Event is Sunday August 20, 2017. The location is Wopsy Mountain Lookout, Dysart PA 16636, also in Blair county. This is the location of The Legend Of The White Lady (a ghost). Look it up on Google.

Contact Terry or Bill for more information.



For Sale (PRICE REDUCED!!)

1986 F350 460CI

ALL RADIOS INCLUDED

Attached is a picture of the inside of the truck.

It is an old picture and lot of equipment has been added.

It has mono band radios for 6,2,220,440 and 1.2 ghz

It has 3 dual band radios, low band for Dauphin County, SGC HF radio and

auto tuner. It has a 440 ATV transceiver and a satellite receiver for 1.2 ghz FM ATV. It has a VHS VCR, a GPS receiver, a small color monitor for use with ATV and the VCR. In the rack there is a GMRS repeater and a two meter repeater. The repeaters are just bolted in the rack and would need re-crystalled and tuned and duplexers if one wanted to try and use them. The truck itself is a 1986 Ford F350 ambulance, with a 460ci engine 4 barrel carb, automatic transmission. The Air conditioning has been removed. The truck gets about 6 miles to the gallon going downhill. It has not been inspected for 2 or 3 years. It is sold as is and includes all the radio equipment.

I hope this answers your questions. The reason we are selling it is the public service events that we once did have all but gone away with everyone having a cell phone in their pocket. We used to provide communication support for 20 events a year. **\$2,000.00** Contact Steven Gobat Ka3pdq@arrl.net
717.439.0090 7am to 9pm REACT Communications Truck



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

Without your contributions to this newsletter, there is nothing to report, and the paper suffers. Keep those cards and letters coming in. Take pictures of things that you do and share them with us.

Please note the new email address for articles:

Hrac.newsletter@gmail.com

Tnx 73

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HRAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Make checks payable to HRAC—Membership is \$15.00 (\$7.50 if over 65) per year.
Family Membership is \$25 (Hams must reside in the same household)
Dues end December 31st.

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I agree to abide by the guidelines of the membership and The Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc.

