



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.....

May is here but it seems like the warm weather has been held up in the supply channel somewhere. I was hoping that I could get outside and get some work done on a couple of my antenna projects, but I guess it will have to wait for a little while yet. In the meantime, there are quite a few radio-related activities such as state QSO parties and special event stations to occupy my time.

Of course, in less than two months, it will be time for this year's Firecracker Hamfest. I hope that all of you will get involved in some way. We have flyers to distribute, vendors to invite, door prizes to solicit, and the usual set-up and operating activities.

As some of you may have noticed, we lost the state convention to a club in the Philadelphia area. Their justification was that their venue would draw a larger crowd. So now the monkey is on our back to prove that we have as good or better attendance than the "other guys".

We can do that if we all pitch in and do just a little bit to promote the event. Take some flyers and drop them off in local computer shops, community bulletin boards in grocery stores and laundromats and, believe it or not, music shops. Talk it up to your friends, both in person and on the air. I'm sure that almost everyone of our members participates in at least one net during the course of a week, so be sure to mention the hamfest during the net. If you have friends outside the local area, email them a copy of the flyer and invite them to attend. To paraphrase Neil Diamond, "Wrap up the babies and grab the old ladies, cause everyone goes, and everyone knows 'bout the Firecracker Hamfest show."

There you have it, my first hamfest rant of the year. I hope it was as motivating for you as it was for me. I think I'll go out tomorrow and hand out some flyers. But don't worry, I'll save some for YOU to pick up at the meeting this week so you too can share in the fun. Hope to see you at the meeting.

73,

Tim KB3OZA



April 2017 Meeting Minutes

The April 12, 2017 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1902 HRS by the President, Tim Lehman (KB3OZA). The usual member introductions were made.

Secretary Report – The minutes of the March 2017 Minutes were published in the newsletter. Motion to accept the March minutes Glen (K3SWZ), seconded by Chuck (K3ETD) Motion Passed

Treasurers Report – Joe (KQ3F) presented the Treasurer's Report. Rick (K2RBT) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Glen (K3SWZ), 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

- .760 Repeater – The intermittent problem was tracked to a bad module in the power Power amplifier. The amplifier was replaced at a cost of \$299.00
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Laurel VE Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next test session is April 15, 2017 9:00 AM at HACC.

Membership Committee – The Club has 99 members with 72 being ARRL.

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

Web Page – No report

Emergency Communications – On 4/11/17 the bi-annual TMI Drill took place. Terry (WB3BKN) reported That things went well with the exception of Operators not letting him know of their participation and location. Terry thanked all who helped. Terry also announced that he was stepping down as The ARES/RACES officer for Dauphin County and anyone interested in the position should Contact him. The Club Thanks Terry for all his effort in working in the position. Tim (KB3OZA) announced that the Skywarn net on 145.110 meets each Wednesday nights at 9 PM Local.

DXCC Committee - Glenn (K3SWZ) reported that he be checking cards at the York Hamfest on April 29

Entertainment – Terry (WB3BKN) reported on several ideas and upcoming presentations. As always any ideas or suggestions on topics would be greatly appreciated.

Hamfest Committee – Terry is working on the flyers for the Firecracker Hamfest.

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

Elmer Time – Terry (WA3BKN) reported "OH I don't know" The membership expressed their desire for an EXTRA license class.

Old Business –.

New Business –

Good of the Club – next luncheon; April 27

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1955 HRS. Motion made by K2RBT, Seconded by AA3T

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.

On June 17 we will be at HACC for our test session, which begins at 9:00 AM. Applicants will need to preregister to take the exam.

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ



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

Special Event Stations

K3M,05/01/17,05/30/17,Mars New Year

W1N,05/03/17,05/07/17,NEAR-Fest XXI Hamfester

K7O,05/04/17,05/09/17,7 Area QSO Party (7QP)

K7L,05/04/17,05/10/17,Cinco de Mayo Celebration

N7N,05/05/17,05/07/17,7QP - SEVENTH CALL AREA QSO PARTY

N4C,05/05/17,05/07/17,BikeMS Citrus Tour

N1Q,05/05/17,05/08/17,New England QSO Party

W7Z,05/05/17,05/07/17,W7 QSO PARTY

W7G,05/06/17,05/13/17,1869 Golden Spike Commemoration

K7D,05/06/17,05/08/17,7 call area qso party

N7V,05/06/17,05/06/17,SNARS - Reno Hamswap

N4G,05/10/17,05/24/17,Armed Forces Day - 2017

W0N,05/10/17,05/24/17,Nebraska Sesquicentennial

N0W,05/12/17,05/14/17,BSA Broomfield Camporee

K4I,05/12/17,05/14/17,Usilands.org 1 day getaway

K1F,05/13/17,05/13/17,100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

N3M,05/13/17,05/20/17,Armed Forces Day @ NCM

K5T,05/13/17,05/13/17,National Train Day

N4C,05/13/17,05/16/17,US Navy Cargo Handlers SES

K8D,05/17/17,05/23/17,Dayton Hamvention Special Event

W8H,05/18/17,05/22/17,2017 HAMVENTION SPECIAL EVENT STATION

K8Z,05/18/17,05/21/17,dayton Hamvention

W8D,05/18/17,05/23/17,DAYTON HAMVENTION 2017

N7T,05/18/17,05/22/17,Hubble Space Telescope Entry Into Service

W8W,05/18/17,05/23/17,Whiskey Lover's Amateur Radio Club Annual General Meeting

N6L,05/19/17,05/29/17,"N6L: 95th Anniversary, Lombard St. San Francisco"

N8V,05/19/17,05/22/17,Native American Pow Wow

N7P,05/19/17,05/21/17,Paine Field Aviation Weekend

W5I,05/19/17,05/28/17,Perrin Field Museum Speical Event

W4A,05/20/17,05/28/17,2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL EMS WEEK SPECIAL EVENT STATION

W4F,05/20/17,05/21/17,Armed Forces Day

N6H,05/21/17,05/21/17,North Hills Radio Club 42nd Sacramento Hamfest

W1W,05/24/17,05/24/17,Emergency Medical Service Week 2017

K5E,05/25/17,05/29/17,"Burning Flipside, Memorial Day"

K1A,05/25/17,05/31/17,Memorial Day Special Event

W4D,05/26/17,05/29/17,Memorial Day

K7M,05/26/17,05/31/17,VETRANS MEMORIAL

K2P,05/27/17,05/29/17,Kings County 150th Memorial Day Parade

The Shack of Charlie W3CWT



First up is my trusty ICOM 706MKIIG. Under that is a Yaesu 450D HF and 2 meter transceiver, followed by my Tucker 300 antenna tuner. On the right is a Palstar speaker and then my Ameritron AL 811. It's the 600 watt amp, and finally my first award from QRZ for contacting all the continents. I think is great because I just got my antenna up not to long ago with WB3BKN Terry's help. (He said I had to put the last part in so I could have my picture put in the news letter)

Show us your shack

Kids These Days

The other day I was listening to some recent licensees talking about how difficult it is to program one of those new fancy DMR rigs. They are not rigs. Back in my day we had rigs. To some they looked complicated but we never needed a computer with more computing power than NASA had in the 60's to get it on the air. I'll bet these kids would still need a computer to run that old Hallicrafters RIG with the J-38 digital interface. (look it up kids).

Then there was one young fella complaining about the little bit of static on a signal on 2 meters FM. Well! Back in my day a little bit of static was OK, with the exception of the static that came from the XYL, who thought I spent too much time with my radios. But really kids. Get on HF and learn how to deal with a little bit of static. Believe me, the effort is really worth it. Heck, you may even learn how to train your ear to pick out marginal signals from that static. This is a kind of training that may just come in handy some day when the Martians invade and you have to get a message out of New Jersey. (Oh, look that one up too). You just may be able to win a few DX awards in the process. Next month I will share my thoughts on Over, QSL, Roger and other unnecessary words. Kids! What Ya gonna do.

City's Amateur Wireless Organization Gives Five Boys to U. S. Signal Corps



DANIEL H. ZORGER, JR.

Several years ago a number of young men and boys, mostly high school students, formed an organization known as the Wireless Association of Central Pennsylvania, erected



HARRY HOUCK

stations in various parts of the city and began to send and pluck out messages from the air. Today finds

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several members of the association in the Signal Reserve Corps of the United States army, where their previous experience in amateur work is expected to prove of great value to their country.

Five of the members are actually enlisted in the radio company and are ready to go at any time. They are: Harry Houck, New Cumberland; Robert E. Runk, 2461 Reel street; Daniel H. Zorger, Jr., 409 Kelker street; Foster L. Dunlap, 3212 North Sixth street, and Albert C. Michaels, city.

Zorger has practiced wireless since 1906 and had one of the best equipped stations in the city until America entered the war and private citizens were prohibited from operating wireless apparatus. To go with the company, Zorger gave up his position as clerk with the Pennsylvania railroad. Houck and Michaels also have had considerable experience in radio work and are making sacrifices to get to the front.

Other members of the association who are doing their bit are Paul Nisley, who is an operator on a steamship running between New York and South America, and George Batten, who is a first-class operator in the United States navy.

Several other members have tried to enlist but have not been able to do so on account of their youth or some slight physical defects.

Evening News, Harrisburg, PA, July 25, 1917, pages 1-2.



State Historical Society of North Dakota



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



Old Call Books are now on Google

I knew that Google had a program to digitize books that are found in libraries with which it has made agreements to do so. Most of the news about the program in the press has been about controversies where authors or publishers of some books were not happy with those arrangements and felt left out.

But meanwhile Google has been working all the while on its digitization program and there has been no controversy about the great majority of publications it has digitized.

If you go to <https://archive.org/search.php?query=Callbook> you will find a long list of Amateur Radio Callbooks which have been digitized under the program. These include Callbooks produced by the Commerce Department before the FCC ever existed. I checked out a 1927 number and found that the best quality is to download the Callbook in PDF format. At least with my Verizon FIOS speed it doesn't really take that long to download an entire PDF file, and you get a very high quality result to look at.

73, Fred, K3ZO

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:

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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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Dues end December 31st.

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