



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.....

Good evening Mr. and Mrs. Harrisburg and all the ships on the Susquehanna. It looks like October is going to be an interesting month.

We had a very informative and interesting tour of the new PEMA facility, in place of our regular September meeting. Many thanks to Doug, K3DRE, who coordinated the event. That's quite a facility they have and I only wish that my municipal EOC could be even half as well equipped as theirs is.

Looking to upcoming events, we have the PA QSO Party coming up this weekend. I hope that conditions are good because I would really like to try for an endorsement to my Keystone Award. Of course family commitments (or life in general) may prevent that, but at least I have a goal.

The following weekend is the Boy Scouts' Jamboree On The Air. There will probably be a number of scout groups on the air, introducing young folks to amateur radio. I will be helping with an event in Northumberland county. Hopefully, we'll be able to get out and make lots of contacts for the kids.

If you would like to help out, all you have to do is hang out in your shack and look for stations calling CQ/JOTA. Answer them and talk to the kids for a bit. They really get a kick out of it and your contact might just be the spark that ignites their interest in radio and creates another ham.

That's about it for now. I hope to see you at the meeting.

73,

Tim KB3OZA

September 2017 Meeting Minutes

There was no meeting in September because of the field trip to the PEMA HQ

General Class license classes.

Please pass this on as you see appropriate.

This is a great opportunity for a Tech to advance to General. I have worked with the people holding the class and can vouch that it will be a class act. See the announcement and Syllabus. Registration and contact information is in the announcement. I am a contact only if you can't get with the guys at Cross Keys Village. It is at the crossroads of US 30 and PA 94, a few miles north of Hanover.

Where: Cross Keys Village, Harmony Ridge Community Center, 620 Harmony Drive, Encore Room. Cross Keys Village is about 11 miles east of Gettysburg just off US Rt. 30.

When: Eight sessions from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Classes start on Saturday, January 6, 2018 and continue each Saturday until March 10, 2018. An exam session will be offered on Saturday, March 17. You may also take the exam on another date and location of your choosing.

Ralph K3HQI Ralph.brandt@comcast.net



Regarding AES, and ARES position for Dauphin County

From: Terry WB3BKN

After what seems to have been a year of trying to find someone who would train for my positions with the Dauphin County AES, and ARES, I have officially resigned my position. I will be available to assist in the transition to whoever is chosen to take over the job. Anyone interested in applying or assisting the new person should contact **Ralph E Brandt K3HQI** ralph.brandt@comcast.net. This is a position for someone who has been an amateur for some time, and has some experience in communications traffic and net operations. If you do not have such experience, you can get training by taking the ARRL courses on the subject, as a start. You can also get involved in traffic nets to learn and practice.



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.

Our next test session is scheduled for Saturday October 21, 2017 at HACC. We will be at the usual place and testing starts at 9:00 A.M. so please arrive by 8:30. Pre registration is required

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ



Bob!! We are inside a building! Tell me again why we need these vests, and don't say it is so that we don't get hit by cars.

WinterFest!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday January 13th for the WinterFest. Doors open at 7 am for sellers, and 8am for the general public. It will be at the Vietnam Veterans of America Building, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA

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

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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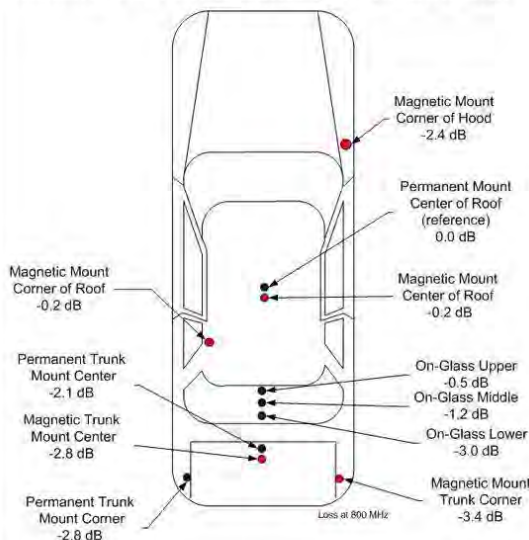
Monthly Ham Radio Lunch

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!

Mobile Antenna Mounting Consideration



A typical 5/8 wave 145 MHz (2 meter) antenna requires a ground plane of at least 42" in diameter. At 450 MHz just 15" is required and at 800 MHz a minimum of 8" is considered sufficient.

In terms of mounting mobile antennas on a vehicle, there are five general locations: the roof, front fender, rear fender, trunk and rear window glass (although other glass mount locations may be used). Of these, the center of an automobile roof is considered the best for mobile antenna placement, followed by the center of the trunk lid, the fenders, and then on-glass mounting.

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.

