

# Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club Newsletter

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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## From The Desk of The President.....

"Why does everyone want to know what my rig is, and what antenna I am using? Then the next thing they want to know is how they sound and what the signal report is. I don't care what radio and antenna anyone has, as long as I can hear them." These are the questions that many new hams have asked me this over the years. The other question is often "Why do they only want my signal report, and move on to the next person."

The answer to any conversation's beginning is to find a common ground with which to start. The equivalent personal meeting often begins with a comment on the weather. "Hot 'nuff fer ya"? Amateur radio conversations are no different. The art in it is to find somewhere to take the conversation from that point. I rarely have a problem doing that, but there are many who find the art of conversation a bit daunting. Most probably settle into a pattern of sending 5/9 reports and TNX for the QSO, NEXT!

There used to be a rule that we avoid religion, and politics, but there are nets that gather to talk about each of those topics. If that is your thing, find those nets and chat away. The thing to keep in mind is that when meeting people on the air, be courteous, and polite. Don't use off color language, or make off color remarks. The old adage that people judge you by the words that you speak rings so true. There is literally a world of new friends that you have not yet met waiting, and are as close as your radio.

Don't be a LID, and know the difference between all of the different kinds of nets so that you can join in properly. Some nets are just check in and move along, while others are a chance to hone those conversational skills. Pay attention to the others on the net, and join in the conversation, rather than stating your monologue, passing it along, and then continuing your monologue when it comes back to you. That is NOT conversation, but rather just making it all about YOU.

So, pick up a mic, or key, and have some fun and learn about others in the world.

73, Terry Snyder WB3BKN



## November 2018 Meeting Minutes

The November 14, 2018 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1905 HRS by the President, Terry Snyder (WB3BKN). The usual member introductions were made.

**Secretary Report** – Upon motion of Chuck (N3WL) the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter, Seconded by Karl (KC3JRO); Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** – Nick (AA3T) reported that the club has \$5,034.73. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Karl (KC3JRO) and seconded by Steve (KC3EUU). Motion Carried.

**Trustee Report** – Terry (WB3BKN) reported there were no changes with the equipment.

**Repeater Committee** – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the repeater was functioning as well as can be expected considering the antenna. At this point, it's not expected to be changed until spring.

**Laurel VE Committee** – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next exam session is scheduled for December 15, 2018 at HACC. He also reported that the Team would be testing in Newberry Township York County on December 16, 2018 as part of a Ham Radio Class.

**Membership Committee** – The Club has 91 members, 62 of which are ARRL members (or 68.9%).

**Newsletter Editor** – The President reported that the new editor-in-chief was doing a fine job. He also asked that anyone submitting articles should proof read their submissions as our new editor is not a ham (yet) and would not catch technical errors.

**Web Page – No Report.**

**Emergency Communications** – Nothing to report at this time.

**Entertainment** – There will be the annual cookie exchange at the December Meeting.

**Hamfest Committee** – Flyers for the winter Hamfest are out. The date is January 12, 2019. The President asked for help to set up at 6:00 A.M. Terry also reported that we need to limit access as much as possible to vendors only in the early hours, to allow them time to set up.

**Field Day** – No Action

**Elmer Time** – Terry (WB3BKN) has several topics in mind. Terry also said he welcomes suggestions for topics.

**Old Business** – The Nominating Committee led by Bill (KE3YC) reported that the current officers have agreed to remain. The election will take place at the December Meeting when nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

**New Business** – The VE committee asked about the room schedule for 2019 and wanted to know if room 210 might be available for the Exam sessions. Steve (KC3EUU) and Karl (KC3JRO) were presented certificates and a patch for their help with the Boy Scouts and the Jamboree on the Air at Middletown on the third weekend in October 2018.

**Good of the Club** – The club is in need of a Refreshment Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class. This position involves bringing snacks and beverages to the Club Meeting.

**Adjournment** – With no further business Karl (KC3JRO) made a motion to adjourn; Bill (KE3YC) seconded at 1947 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

*Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ*



## Upcoming Programs for 2018 (After the business part of the meeting)

**December:** "Cookie Exchange Night" Club; Submit DX QSL requests to Glen, K3SWZ (see details below)

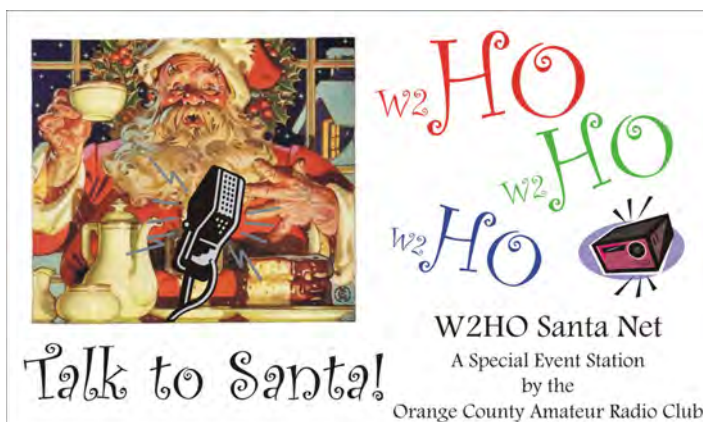
**January:** Winterfest (see website for details)

### ARRL DX QSL Bureau mailing for HRAC members

Next mailing to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau will be right after the New Year for HRAC members who are also ARRL members, that have DX QSL cards to go out (DX is defined as other than the lower 48 states).

Please place the cards in prefix order according to the DXCC country list and get them to me with a current QSL mailing label or copy of same to prove ARRL membership. You may give them to me at the December HRAC meeting or the December Ham Lunch. You may also give them to Chuck, N3WL, as I see him often. As a last resort, you may mail them to me. My address on QRZ.COM is OK. This service is provided for free to all HRAC members. You may send one card or a thousand. Questions -- feel free to call me at 717-774-1728 or [k3swz@arri.net](mailto:k3swz@arri.net)

73 Glenn, K3SWZ



## 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 the club's meeting night.

Please send any articles for the newsletter to [hrac.newsletter@Gmail.com](mailto:hrac.newsletter@Gmail.com)

### Local area nets:

Capitol Area Traffic Net starts **Monday at 8 PM** on the South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) repeater on 146.46 (67.0 tone), 1 MHz offset.

The Combined Club ARES/RACES Net meets **Monday at 8:30 PM** on the Keystone 146.97 Repeater (Tone: 123 Hz).

South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) Net on **Monday at 9 PM** on the 145.43 (Tone: 67 Hz) repeater located in Mt. Holly Springs.

The Keystone VHF Club Digital Net on **Tuesday at 8 PM** on the York 146.97 Repeater.

The Keystone VJF Club ELMER Net on **Tuesday at 9 PM** on the York 146.97 Repeater right after the Digital net

A local FM Simplex Net runs **Thursday at 8:30 PM** on 146.55 MHz.

South Central PA 10 Meter Net **Friday at 8 PM** 28.495 MHz USB

Ham Shack Talk Net - Monday at 9 PM: 28.335 MHz. Delaware

Lehigh Valley ARC Net - Sunday 4:00 PM: 28.430 MHz Do Drop In net - Sunday 8:30 PM: 28.450 MHz Penn- Mar Club net - Friday. 8:30 PM: 28.495 MHz.

10 Meter Ragchew Net - Every evening starting 7:30PM: 28.600 Mhz

6 Meter Magicians Net from Pottstown Wednesdays at 8:30 PM on 50.130 USB. At 9 PM, they switch to 50.400 and run A.M. modulation and call themselves the Mini Boat Anchor Net. The KVHFC 6 Meter Activity Net run by Steve Cruse, K3WHC meets on 50.140 MHz USB on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 PM.

Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Information net at 8pm on 146.76 (100 hz tone) every Wednesday except club meeting night, which is listed at the top of the first page of this newsletter.

## 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, Costco and Home Depot.

It's a great way to meet new people!

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



As mentioned in the minutes, Steve (KC3EUU) and Karl (KC3JRO) were presented certificates and a patch for their help with the Boy Scouts and the Jamboree on the Air at Middletown in October.

Steve (KC3EUU), Tim (W4NKC) and Karl (KC3JRO), respectively.

## HAM HUMOR (AND OTHER INFORMATION) – THANKS TO GLENN (K3SWZ) FOR THE FOLLOWING

**OBITUARY FOR HAM BAND "10 METERS":** On November 24th, 2018, during the second day of the 2018 CQWW CW contest, after a lengthy decline in health following the waning days of Solar Cycle 24. Known by the nickname of "10 Meters", he was formally called 28 Mega CYCLES, later changing to Mega HERTZ during a new-age identity crisis. In his prime years he was renowned for spectacular acts of radio acrobatics, such as trans-continental communications using mere milliwatts of power and worldwide contacts on converted CB radios. These antics prompted some wag to quip, "There's no meters like 10 Meters", which for some unknown reason stuck.

10 Meters is survived by his lifelong companion, 15 Meters (also in declining health), latter day offspring 12 Meters and 17 Meters, and historically rambunctious next-door neighbor, 11 Meters. Memorial services are scheduled for December 8th during the annual ARRL 10 Meter contest, although nobody is expected to show up.

## HAM SHACK OF THE FUTURE



## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE:

To all new ham radio operators - you must be licensed in the past 365 days; one per operator only.

Name brand portables 2 meters with batteries, chargers, mobile mag mount antennas, carrying case and DTMF pads. With manuals and boxes \$10.00 each. Mobile brand name, 2 meter with mic and power cords. \$ 20.00; One Icom 10 watt desk set 2 meter only 120V AC, uses an indoor rod antenna or external port. \$ 20.00. Will assist in setup. Call or e-mail Richard Lenker, KB3YRC@Comcast.net.

Glenn (K3SWZ ) has the following for sale: 20 Meter PSK-31 Transceiver and amplifier, Crystal controlled 14070 KHz, PSK-31 transceiver built by the Transverter Shop in Ukraine, 1 watt, self contained. Needs only a computer with PSK-31 software from FLDigi.

Also, 10 Watt amplifier built by same company. Plugs into audio in/out jacks on computer. You can read about it online. Works fine. I am just not impressed by PSK-31. Package cost over \$200; will sell for \$50. Phone: 717-774-1728 or e-mail: k3swz@arrl.net

# HRAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MAIL TO:  
Tim Lehman (W4NKC)  
PO Box 453  
Hummelstown, PA 17036  
717-982-8550

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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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Join the Gang

