



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.....

As you all probably know we are embarking on a few special events this summer. The special event will take place on a very historic Landmark on the Susquehanna River. By on the Susquehanna River I mean literally on the Susquehanna River. This will be on the Millersburg ferry boat and it is the longest-running and oldest sternwheeler ferry boat on the river.

We have a few dates picked out and we will be doing them throughout the summer. You are all welcome to join us. Seating on the boat is limited so that means that at any given time there will probably be only two people on the boat. One will be the operator one will be the log keeper.

The hamfest is coming up later this month and we definitely need your help. As a club member you should realize that the hamfest is the big and almost only fundraiser that we have to support the events that club does throughout the year. I had asked for people to help throughout the year and only a few actually stepped up to help. I invite you to please contact me regarding the needs for the day of the hamfest. We need people to help Park cars and direct traffic. We need some to collect the money at the gate and that means more than one person.

Please feel free to enjoy the hamfest after we get people in the door and get them to where they belong. Being a volunteer, as many have learned in the past, can still give you time to sell your goods, and also help the club.

Field day of course happens the week before the hamfest. We will be bringing the trailer to the location where we will be doing hamfest, and we will need assistance to set up the antennas, run the cables, run the power, and anything else that is involved. We try to promote this event to the public and invite them to experience what amateur radio is all about, so when you come to the field day event, please wear something that is appropriate for a day of meeting the public. So often we laugh as you all know, at the 9dd people we often see at amateur radio events. Don't be one of them. We do not want people laughing at us.

73, Hopefully I will see you at the meeting, or one of our events.

Terry Snyder WB3BKN

May 2018 Meeting Minutes

The May 9, 2018 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1908 HRS by the President, Terry Snyder (WB3BKN).

The usual member introductions were made.

Secretary Report – There was no minutes of the April 2018 meeting due to the absence of the Secretary.

Treasurers Report – Nick Rylatt (AA3T) presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2018. Chuck (N3WL) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Rick (K2RBT), Motion PASSED.

Equipment Trustee – Terry (WB3BKN) reported All Club equipment was accounted for.

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

Repeater Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that it was working fine. A discussion was held on the need to replace the repeater antenna. It was decided to assemble the old 4 bay antenna and test it to see if it was still serviceable.

Laurel VE Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next exam session is scheduled for June 16, 2018 at HACC. He also reminded the group that the element 2 question pool is to change on July 1, 2018. All applicants are to be sure they are studying the right Pool for the date they are planning to take the exam.

Membership Committee – The Club has 88 members.

Newsletter Editor – Terry (WB3BKN), reported that he has stepped down from the position. The Club is now in search of a new editor. The Club thanks Terry for all his work on the newsletter.

Web Page – No Report.

Emergency Communications – A exercise called Atlantic Fury was held on May 8, 2018. Radio Operators From the Club participated at PEMA and other locations in the area.

DXCC Committee - No Report

Entertainment – Terry (WB 3BKN) has several ideas in mind and is always looking for more topics.

Hamfest Committee – Firecracker Hamfest – the facilities have been reserved. Terry announced the plans to rent a tent for the commercial vendors. This would allow the vendors and tailgaters to be in the same area. Terry (WB3BKN) encouraged the membership to volunteer their time for this event as this is what keeps the club solvent. The date of the Hamfest is June 30, 2018.

Hamfeast – No Action

Field Day – Tim (KB3OZA) reported that the facilities at HACC have been reserved. The dates for Field Day are June 23-24, 2018. Further discussion included moving the Field Day site to the Millersburg Ferry. Terry (WB3BKN) will contact the parties involved to see if this was feasible.

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

Old Business – Terry (WB3BKN) reported on various operating events. On May 19th there is an event on May 19th at Halifax Community Day Celebration from 11AM to 4PM. Various Club members showed interest in participating. Terry also reported on a Special Event Station to be held at Millersburg Ferry. Operations are being planned for 20 or 40 meters. Terry would like to plan the station for once a Month during the summer.

New Business –Rick(K2RBT) made a motion to research the purchase of a compact radio for use in the Remote operating events with a budget of \$950.00. Steve(KC3EUU) seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Good of the Club – None

Adjournment – With no further business Chuck(N3WL) made a motion to adjourn Steve(KC3EUU) seconded at 2027 hours

Guest Speaker –

Respectfully Submitted

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ

The Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club is in need of some one to take over the Newsletter. As Editor you would be able to voice your concerns on any topic that is an interest of yours if can be as world changing as increased UFO activity over Dauphin, PA, piracy on the Susquehanna River near Millersburg or even on how to operate 2 meters FM.

If interested see the President.

Volunteer Examiner Report

Next session back at HACC on 16 June, 2018 in the Shumaker Public Safety building, Gate 5 on Industrial Road, Harrisburg. For directions, please visit our club web site at <http://www.w3uu.org/license-exams/>

Steven, KA3PDQ



Elmer Time (6:30 pm meeting night)



June Field Day and Hamfest



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

June: Field Day and Hamfest planning Club

July:

August:

September: "Working the PA S QSO Party" Glenn Kurzenknabe, K3SWZ

October:

November: "Building and using the Black Widow Antenna" Scott Walker, N3SW

December: "Cookie Exchange Night" Club

Please consider stepping up to make a presentation during one of the meetings that has an availability to do so. I know that everyone has an expertise in something, and can bring something to the table. Do more than consider, DO it.



Special Events:

There is an often overlooked tactic in adding some spice to QSL chasing and amateur contacts that exist in the world of amateur radio. The Special Events Station often sparks interest among QSL chasers and those who are interested in making contact with stations that spout an interesting purpose. It is associated with a significant public event and is only operated for a brief time. **And the typical impediment to doing this is often, 'I don't know how to do it!'. Well, read on. When you finish this article, you'll know exactly what to do.**

First, any licensed amateur can apply for a Special Events call regardless of his license class. It is best for someone that has a general class license or higher to request the call because the general class bands are the best place to operate Special Events Stations.

Next, an event should be significant. Don't try to do a special event that is 'Johnny's birthday'. That will not get much attention. Instead, take on an event that gets some attention. One that our radio club recently undertook was the **annual 'Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon' that honors the victims and surviving veterans of the** horrible Bataan Death March that took place in the Philippines during World War II. That one got some notice.

Once you've chosen an event that is likely going to get attention, it comes down to planning. The first thing is deciding what call sign to operate under. It is all right to use a club call for the special event. However, a standard ham call isn't as attention getting as a one by one call sign issued through the vanity call program. You can get a one by one call sign for a limited number of days. The easiest way is to go to <http://www.1x1callsigns.org> and apply. There is no charge for this. **You can search up and look for other special events by clicking on the 'Search 1x1 Calls' link on the left side of the page.** Set your start date for today and the end date for several months from now. I did that just now and found an enormous number of Special Events Stations including such interesting events that honor the Navajo Code Talkers, IOTA (Island On The Air) Weekend, International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, and the list goes on and on. Once your call is registered, your event will appear there, too. Reading these listings will help you when you write your listing.

Don't overlook the field that provides a description of your event. The better described, the more likely you are to get noticed and worked on the day of the event. Be sure to include the URL to your Web site that gives information about your event.

Your QSL card should be different **for each year. It should always be specific to that year's event (21st Annual Bataan Memorial Death March, date and year, etc.).** Next year, the date and year may be different and it will be the 22nd Annual Bataan Memorial Death March. And you should use a different picture or design. Get a reputation for providing a nice QSL card. That may keep them coming back each year.

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

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, K-Mart and Home Depot.

It's a great way to meet new people!

From the Editor's Desk

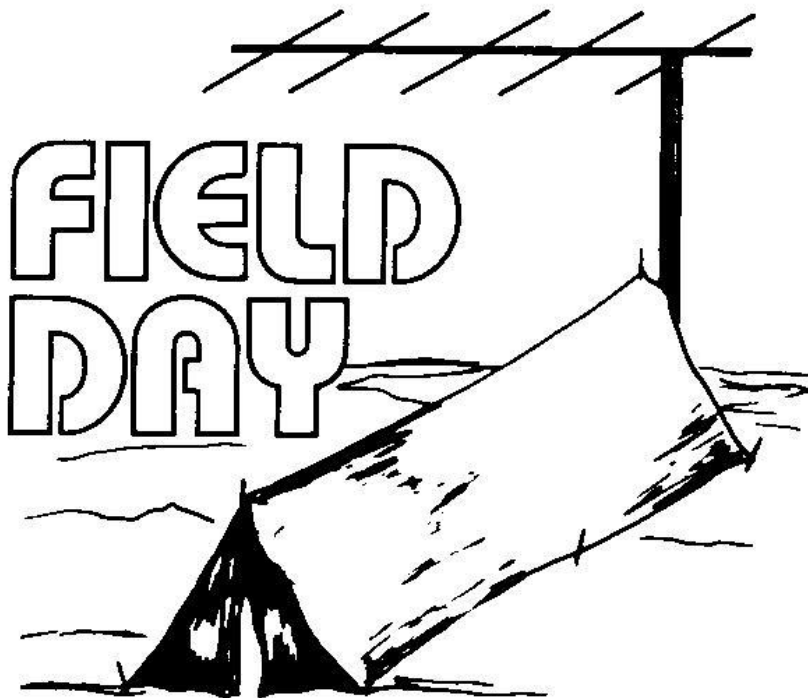
Without your contributions to this newsletter, there is nothing to report, and the paper suffers. Keep those cards and letters coming in. Take pictures of things that you do and share them with us. Do not send articles to my personal email address. Send them to the address below.

Please note the new email address for articles:

Hrac.newsletter@gmail.com

Tnx 73

Editor: None **POSITION AVAILABLE**



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.

Join the Gang

