

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.....

To say that this summer has been a stormy one may be a bit of an understatement for most of the area. We have seen several storms that caused extensive flooding and property destruction over the past few months, and we are not finished yet. As I write this we are looking for a category 4 hurricane to make landfall on the east coast, with parts of the remainder of the storm hitting our area by week's end. This is just what we need after the soaking rains that have been hitting us.

I know that many of you have some form of training in emergency communications, and in weather spotting. During these times, do not wait for "the other guy" to activate a net. If you have been checking into nets for a while, you know how to operate one. Keep your family and yourself safe first, then volunteer with the emergency responders and NOAA to help.

The weather, and other issues have interfered with our plans to operate from the Millersburg Ferry most of the summer. We did make it onto the boat one Saturday and had a great time, even though the bands were not favorable for communications. With the storms there is a chance that the boats may be finished running for the year, but then they may continue until November. As I learn more, I will post it to the Facebook page.

If you are not on Facebook for some odd reason, get on. You do not have to post things on your page, or offer personal information to the web. You can block your personal info from others. You have probably heard bad things about **Facebook**, but it is what you allow it to be. When you join, you can see, and follow our posts automatically.

Looking forward, there is still time to get out and work from a remote location to play radio. Keep a watch on our Facebook page for upcoming randomly scheduled events. The link to our Facebook page can be found on our club website www.w3uu.org.

The next big club event will be the **WinterFest** which is scheduled for January 12, with a snow date of the following Saturday. We need volunteers to sign up for the various jobs to run the fest and to distribute our flyers. Contact me and I will put your name beside a job. Thanks in advance.

Keep in touch, 73

Terry WB3BKN

August 2018 Meeting Minutes

The August 8, 2018 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1900 HRS by the President, Terry Snyder (WB3BKN). The usual member introductions were made.

Secretary Report – Upon motion of Rick (K2RPT) the reading of the minutes was suspended. Motion seconded by Glenn (K3SWZ). Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Due to the absence of the Treasurer there was no report at this time.

Repeater Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the repeater was now on the original antenna and now some degradation of the signal may be expected in bad weather.

Laurel VE Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next exam session is scheduled for August 18, 2018 at HACC. He also reminded those in attendance that the new Element 2 question pool is now in effect.

Membership Committee – The Club has 90 members. 62 which are ARRL members or 68.9%

Newsletter Editor – The club is in search of a new editor. Anyone interested should contact the President. Gene (KC3JRO) responded that he may have someone interested in being editor he was to meet with the President for the details.

Web Page – No Report.

Emergency Communications – Nothing to report. Some discussion about needing operators for the Marine Corps Marathon. There was also discussion about the Skywarn Nets. The President stated the need for Net Control Operators during Severe Weather Warnings.

DXCC Committee - Glen (K3SWZ) Nothing to report. Glenn then explained about QSL cards.

Entertainment – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that Glen (K3SWZ) would be conducting a presentation on the PA QSO party.

Hamfest Committee – No action at this time.

Field Day – No action at this time.

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

Old Business – Terry (WB3BKN) reported on a Special Event Station to be held at Millersburg Ferry. Operations are being planned for 20 or 40 meters. August 11 starting at 11 AM. Operating Frequencies to be 7.260 and 14.260 mhz with site talking on 147.240mhz tone 123hz.

New Business – No items at this time.

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

Adjournment – With no further business Chuck (N3WL) made a motion to adjourn Rick (K2RBT) seconded at 2000 hours.

Guest Speaker –

Respectfully Submitted

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ

Volunteer Examiner Report

Next session back at HACC on October 20, 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



We administered 3 elements, with 2 successful.
2 new Techs to our ranks.
Next Session will be October 20th 2018

I would also like to welcome Joseph, W3JPH to the group.

Those VEs in attendance;

Barry, KB3MCK
Steven, KA3PDQ
Curt, K3URT
Bill, KE3YC
Frank, KB3PQT
Steve, N3FWE
Joesph, W3JPH
Tim, KB3OZA

Thank You all for your time and efforts.

Elmer Time (6:30 pm meeting night)



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

September: "Working the PAS QSO Party" - Glenn Kurzenknabe, K3SWZ

October:

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

December: "Cookie Exchange Night" Club

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

Below is an extract from the CQ Amateur Radio Website, provided by Karl KC3JRO. Without your contributions there is nothing to report, and the newsletter suffers. Send any info (in the form of a link) that you find on the internet that impacts Ham Radio world to: **Hrac.newsletter@gmail.com**

Thank you,
Editor: Jeannie Gardner (recently filled)

[Time May Be Running Out for Millions of Clocks](#) and related article below:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018

Petition Drive to Save WWV/WWVH – Sept. 15 Deadline

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has eliminated funding for the continued operation of time/frequency standard stations WWV and WWVH in its Fiscal Year 2019 budget. [8/31 update:] The proposal also calls for eliminating funding for WWVB, on 60 kHz, which provides time data for so-called "atomic clocks."

Tens of thousands of radio amateurs and other users of the shortwave spectrum rely on these stations as sources of accurate time and precise frequency measurement, as well as a wealth of propagation data.

Two petitions have been started on the White House's "We the People" petition site calling for restoration of funding for these two essential radio stations. Each needs at least 100,000 electronic signatures by mid-September to generate a response from the White House. The petitions can be found at:

<<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/maintain-funding-nist-stations-wwv-wwvh>> (As of now, needs just over 90,000 more signatures by September 15)

<<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/proposed-shutdown-nists-wwv-and-wwvh-radio-stations>> (As of now, needs over 98,000 more signatures by September 17)

CQ urges its readers and friends – and anyone else who finds value in the continued operation of WWV and WWVH – to sign one or both petitions *and* especially to contact your representatives in Congress to explain the need for these stations to continue to operate. Congress has the last word on the federal budget and can modify department proposals as it sees fit.



WWV transmitter site in Colorado. The NIST budget request for fiscal 2019 eliminates funding for continued operation of WWV, its Hawaiian counterpart, WWVH, and 60-kHz WWVB. (US Government photo)

HRAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MAIL TO:
Tim Lehman (KB3OZA)
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.

NAME _____ CALL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ARRL Member: Y _____ N _____ * YEAR FIRST LICENSED _____

SIGNATURE _____

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



HAM RADIO CLASS

Preparation and Test for FCC Amateur Radio Technician License

September 29, 2018 (0800-1600) – Sept. 30, 2018 (0800-1200)

FCC License Testing September 30 (12:30-3)

No Charge for the class

There will be \$14 FCC License Testing Fee

Come with an open mind, pen and paper.

**Class is held at the North Middleton Township Building
2051 Spring Road, Carlisle, PA 17013**

South Mountain Radio Amateurs is Hosting this class

Instructor Ralph Brandt – K3HQL

Email: k3hqi@arrl.net

Phone: 717-885-3063

Ham Radio is Amateur Radio, FCC Part 97. It is a licensed service. The class is targeted to prepare the student to pass the Technician Class License test which is restricted to frequencies above 28 Mhz. There are many hand-held and mobile transceivers available for use in these bands for as low as \$35 for Handheld and \$100 for Mobiles. There are many repeaters in the area that extend the range of these radios. A ham license is a good tool for a family in times of disaster when land lines and cell phones often are not useable.

N3MSS COULD NEVER DO WHAT IT DOES WITHOUT YOU

As always, first we would like to THANK all our volunteers from 2017.

Everything is growing. Our Ranks, Our Role, The Society Footprint, and Public Service Availability. With all this in mind, and this late date, we will keep this email to straight information. We have been asked to assist with 3 events this year. The large walk at Pennsauken Cooper River Park, our main event The MS 150 City to Shore Ride, and new this year – “The 2018 MS Coast to Coast Ride”

MS City to Shore Ride 150 – September 29th and 30th, 2018

THE BIG ONE - Last year we hit my goal and had 129 Amateur Radio Volunteers, and an additional 27 Communications Support Volunteers. We covered this event better than ever before, and now we are looking to grow to the optimum number of volunteers to handle this event – 150 HAM Volunteers and 40 non-ham. These numbers would cover this event without hesitation or interruption. An E-mail will be sent out within the next few weeks to further the information on the 150 this year, with sign-up forms attached.

Those of you interested in the events, please respond to this email as soon as possible for additional information and sign-up/event management information.

As always, THANK YOU, and it is an HONOR to consider myself a part of your community.

73

Joe DiBartolo (KC2SFB)