



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.....

Forty Roger, you are throwing me a S-10 QSL, over. What the heck did I just hear on 40 meters? It sounds like someone didn't pay attention to their "Elmer". Maybe this guy never had a good Elmer, and it is not his fault. Today an Elmer is not often available, and new operators are relying on other new guys to teach them. Many are mixing military jargon, and badly at that, to conversations. This has to stop before I have an anxiety attack and keel over, only to have new guys fighting over my equipment.

I really try to reach people with our Elmer time presentation before the business meeting portion of the meeting night, but we need something more. Here is where Tom Shingara, KA3TKW comes in and offered something very special to the local ham radio community. Tom has started a "Tech Net" on the 145.21 repeater at 8:00 PM local time on Sunday evenings. The format is such that everyone is to bring one thing to present to the net of a technical nature that he, or she, knows well. Some may be more familiar with packet, 6 meters, HF, digital, or anything else and you have two minutes to make a presentation. It is a controlled net, and everyone must go through the net controller to enter the net. Items are not for others to rip apart, and tell everyone that the guy is wrong, or to add to it. Consider it an Elmer on the Air net, if you will.

At the end of the net, there is a swap-and-shop on the air. All are welcome to list something for sale, or a need. I, due to my schedule, will probably only be there on the first Sunday of the month, but you should check it out.

This month's meeting will be our annual awards banquet, and Ham Feast.. Cool name for a ham radio banquet. Everyone pays for their own meals, Seniors get a discount, and there will be door prizes. Make sure that you pay your dues for this year in order to win. You may pay at the banquet. It is at the Old Country Buffet on Rt 22 behind Mission BBQ, and next to Home Depot. Be there at 6pm and enjoy the night.

73

Terry WB3BKN

January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The January 9, 2019 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1858 HRS by the President, Terry Snyder (WB3BKN). The usual member introductions were made.

Secretary Report – Upon motion from Doug (K3DRE), the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted published in the newsletter, and seconded by Karl (KC3JRO). Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Nick (AA3T) gave the report. Doug (K3DRE) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by Chuck (N3WL). 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. With the coming fall it is not expected to be changed until spring.

Laurel VE Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next exam session is scheduled for January 12, 2019 at the Wnterfest. The next session at HACC will be February 16, 2019.

Membership Committee – Tim (W4NJC) reported that he was working on a mass email to remind the Membership that the 2019 dues are due.

Newsletter Editor – The President asked that anyone submitting articles should proof read their submissions. Terry asked those in attendance to submit pictures from Club events or their Ham shack, as well as items for sale.

Web Page – No Report.

Emergency Communications – Richard (KB3YRC) reported that there are at least 3 licensing classes in the local area within the next 3 months. Doug (K3DRE) reported on upcoming Dark Sky Emcom drill.

Entertainment – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that he is always looking for topics and presenters. He noted that you do not have to be an expert to share a topic or experience.

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

Field Day – Will be held at the Veteran's Park on Elmerton Ave. Richard (KB3YRC) discussed forms and required letters to secure Veterans Park for the overnight hours.

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

Old Business – Steven (KA3PDQ) advised those in attendance that the element 3 question pool will be changed on July 1, 2019.

New Business – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that the Hamfeast will be held February 13, 2019 at the Old Country Buffet at 5083 Jonestown Rd, Harrisburg, PA.

Good of the Club – As per tradition President Terry tasked the 3 winners of last year's "Ham of the Year" Award (Nick (AA3T), Richard (KB3YRC) and Doug (K3DRE)) to come up with this year's winner(s). The award will be presented at the Hamfeast. Motion by Doug (K3DRE) to purchase Gift Certificates from HRO in the amounts of \$200.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00 to be used for Door Prizes at the Hamfeast. Seconded by Rick (K2RBT); motion carried.

Adjournment – With no further business Doug (K3DRE) made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick (K2RBT) at 1944 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ

Volunteer Examiner Report

Next session at HACC on February 16, 2019 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/>.

Recent Testing Results:

First, THANK YOU all for your hard work on Saturday, January 12, 2019! It's been awhile since we had walk ins. Special thanks to Doug for bringing his computer to help with those without an FRN.

We had 15 applicants and administered 15 elements. There were (5) successful Tech; (6) successful General; (1) successful Extra

VEs in attendance:

Brian, K3WKK
Barry, KB3MCK
Gary, KV3Q
Bill, KE3YC
Curt, K3URT
Doug, K3DRE
Steven, N3FWE
Steven, KA3PDQ

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Elmer Time (6:30 pm meeting night).



Upcoming Events for 2019

February: Hamfeast, Old Country Buffet, 5083 Jonestown Rd, Harrisburg, PA (normal meeting time).

April: 2019 York Hamfest, see [website](#) for details (8:00 am to 1:00 pm).

July 6: The award winning Firecracker Hamfest on the HACC campus in Harrisburg at the Shumaker Public Safety grounds.

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

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** on 28.495 MHz USB

Ham Shack Talk Net - **Monday at 9 PM** on 28.335 MHz Delaware

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

10 Meter Ragchew Net - **Every evening starting 7:30PM** on 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 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



MARKETPLACE

- 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 (part of FL Digi). Will include 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 \$70.
- Brand new 17 Meter Ham Stick Mobile Antenna – still in package: \$20. Both packages for sale by Glenn, K3SWZ. Please contact me at: Phone: 717-774-1728

Keep those ideas coming in for the newsletter. If you do send info into email account, please clearly annotate if you want it included in the newsletter. It eliminates some unnecessary wading through of documents on my part, as well as emails to the originator requesting clarification.

Thanks again for all of your contributions!

HRAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MAIL TO:
Tim Lehman (W4NKC)
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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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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

