



HRAC meets the
second Wednesday of
each month at 7:00 pm

At the Vietnam
Veterans of America

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Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club Newsletter

December is usually thought of as the end of the year, but for me it also marks an end to something I have been doing for a long time. I have held a few offices in this club over the years, and it all began when I took on the task of organizing the Firecracker hamfest many years ago. I kind of got thrown into the Firecracker near to the actual event date. There was nobody to do it because of a conflict among members who were in charge of it. I picked up the pieces and did a lot of damage control to get it up and running. By the way, it was a successful hamfest, and I became the head chair of that event for some time to come.

That management position took me to a meeting at a Wendy's with the election committee who convinced me to be the new club President. This came along at a good time, and as a single guy with nothing to keep me from putting my all into the position, as well as the Firecracker, I was off and running. My DJ and Sound company was also in high gear and all was a lot of fun. I later took on the ARES/RACES officer position, and tried to pass it on two times, but was asked to come back both times because the guys who, in each case, had no real idea what they were supposed to do, and created bad blood between our county officials and the ARES/RACES organization. I was left with fences to mend and willing people to train.

Now in addition to the ham radio related things, as some of you may know, I am the one who takes care of my 94 year old mother, and I have taken on a responsibility in several ministries. This part of my life has become very important to me, and I have discovered a great way to include my abilities as a musician into bringing the Lord's message to others. I have been arranging guitar music, and playing as the lead guitar position for the Matamoras Bible Church for several years. I have also taken on a youth ministry currently for 4th and 5th grade students, and I have other ministry ideas in the works for the near future.

I will be stepping down from the office of President of the HRAC and I, along with our Vice President sat down with two people that we feel strongly will bring new life to the club. Both of these gentlemen have been helping me greatly with the ARES/RACES organization here in Dauphin County, which I will continue to chair. Bob, K3RTS, and Zach, W3ZTB, are the ones that we both feel will do a great job as new team leaders. I do plan to continue on with the club as Equipment Trustee, and as a mentor in many ways. I saw a cartoon, which I posted on the club's Facebook page, that shows an old man telling a young kid that he would teach him Morse Code so that he could talk around the world. The kid replied, that is great, and I will teach you the computer so that you can do FT8. That about sums up some of what is needed to make a great club. I will always be here as the "Old Man", the the new guys will bring to the table what they know and hopefully we can better serve the ham radio community.

When I became the President I was the young guy with new ideas, and now the torch is being passed.

Thank you to, well, most of you, for the support over the years. Come to the December meeting for the great Cookie exchange, and a few final housekeeping items on my list.

73

Terry Snyder

WB3BKN

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W3UU - Harrisburg Radio Amateurs' Club WinterFest

Saturday January 9th, 2021

WINTERFEST



Electronics Expo and Hamfest



Vietnam Veterans of America

8000 Derry Street

Harrisburg, PA 17101

7:00 am to 11:00 am

- ❄ Admission **\$5.00** per person
- ❄ **Tables - \$5.00 each.**
- ❄ DXCC/WAS/UCC QSL card checking on site
- ❄ License Exam Testing: 9:00 AM
- Must Pre-Register @ <http://www.w3uu.org/license-exams/>
- ❄ Coffee and snacks available

No reserved table space.

Unloading can be done at the main doors, and then move vehicle to parking area.

Temperature screening at door.

Masks and distancing encouraged.



Volunteer Examiner Report

Next session December 19, 2020 @ VVA 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg. PA Testing starts at 9:00 AM. Anyone interested must preregister. <http://www.w3uu.org/license-exams/>



Exam dates for 2021 All exams at VVA.

January 9, 2021

February 20, 2021

April 17, 2021

June 19, 2021

August 21, 2021

October 16, 2021

December 18, 2021 Get studying!

Upcoming Programs for 2020

December 9, 2020 - Club Meeting at VVA 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg

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.



Portable set up.

November 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The November 11, 2020 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1900 HRS by the President, Terry (WB3BKN)

The November meeting of the HRAC was held at the Vietnam Veterans Association Building, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA. Due to the continuing COVID – 19 pandemic those in attendance took the recommended precautions.

Secretary Report – The minutes of the October 14, 2020 meeting were published in the newsletter.

Chuck(N3WL) made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Chuck (KA1YSR) seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report – Dave (KC3MG) gave the treasurers report.

Acceptance of the report was tabled due to addendums that need to be addressed.

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

Equipment Trustee – All equipment was accounted for and insured.

Repeater Committee – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that the antenna was now installed and encouraged the group to use the repeater for it's new signal. He reported that the new antenna was mounted 10' higher than the previous one.

Laurel VE Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next exam session scheduled is schedule for December 19, 2020 at 8000 Derry St.

Membership Committee – Tim (W4NKC) reported that we have 72 members with 64 also belonging to the ARRL.

Newsletter Editor – It was reported that the Club is once again in search of a newsletter editor.

If interested contact the President. Till then articles can still be submitted via the gmail account. Articles should be in plain English with NO abbreviations.

Please send articles to HRAC.Newsletter@gmail.com. With a deadline of **7 days Before the end of the month.**

Web Page – It was reported that there were no changes. Terry asked for volunteers to help with the Web page as back up for the current person responsible for its content. KD3MAD and KC3PZW expressed interest.

Emergency Communications – Bob (K3RTS) reported on changes in the Dauphin County ARES/RACES group.

The Red Cross was having a drill using Winlink on November 14, 2020.

Classes are available on Zoom the 2nd and 4th Tuesday @7:00 PM. There is also an Information Net on Monday evenings at 1900 hours local.

DXCC - Chuck (N3WL) reported that Glenn was going to send out QSL cards to the bureau early 2021 and Members wishing to use this free service should get thier cards and QST mailing label to him.

Ham Feast – No Report

Hamfest Committee – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that the flyers for the January 9, 2021 Winter hamfest were out and stressed the need for the membership to support the endeavor.

Nominating Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the committee consisting of KA3PDQ, KC3MG and K3RTS has met and have arrived at this slate of Officers for 2021.

President – Zach – W3ZTB

Vice President -Robert – K3RTS

Secretary- Steven – KA3PDQ

Treasurer- Dave-KC3MG

Equipment Trustee – Terry-WB3BKN

License Trustee – Steven-KA3PDQ

Old Business – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that work on the trailer continues with the insulation being 95% complete.

New Business – Terry (WB3BKN) said that he was not running for reelection as he needed to spend time with a Youth Ministry program at his church.

Tim (W4NKC) said that he was also not running for reelection after many years of service in hopes to encourage other younger members to guide the club.

Both assured the group that they will remain active in the organization.

Good of the Club – December's Meeting will include Christmas Cookie Night.

Adjournment – With no further business Dave (KC3MG) made a motion to adjourn at 1943 hours.
Bob (K3RTS) seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ



ARRL DX QSL Bureau mailing for HRAC members

I plan to make the annual mailing to the "ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau" 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 – the QSL Bureaus don't handle stateside cards) Not sure how to correctly fill out QSL cards, let me know and I'll be happy to send you my PP presentation on the subject. If you don't understand the Incoming or Outgoing QSL Bureau system, my PP can help you. Please place the cards in prefix order according to the DXCC Country List (found on the ARRL web site in the DXCC section) 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. You may also give them to Chuck, N3WL, as I can arrange to see him. As a last resort, you may mail them to me. My address on QRZ.COM is OK. This service is provided **free** to all HRAC members, who are also ARRL members.

You may send one card or a thousand! Questions -- feel free to contact me at

717-774-1728 or k3swz@arrl.net

73

de Glenn, K3SWZ



Weekly HRAC Net

The weekly information net is held every Wednesday at 7:00 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 7 pm 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.

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

