



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

## From The Desk of The President

Looking back over the past year, things in general really have been turned upside down, We have seen our hamfests, and events of all kinds canceled. In my little corner of the world, my business has tanked, but is reviving. In the months off, I took some time off to reevaluate the direction my business could take moving forward, and also how my personal life could change. I actually took some time to get back to a little traveling and hiking, and I also became more involved with additional ministries.

ARES, and RACES have been revived in our area and classes are conducted the first and third Thursdays of each month, but some of the in person events had to be scrubbed. If you would like to be involved in the training and events, contact me. I am hoping to get all of that back on track soon and for ARES to become more hands on in the training.

I have also been thinking about ways to advance this club and gain more youthful approaches, and members. There will be more about this effort in next month's letter.

On a personal note, the high winds last week took it's toll on my little old antenna farm. I hope to have all of it back up in a day or two. Wire antennas are great. When broken it takes very little effort and cash to repair them.

73

Terry, WB3BKN

W3UU - Harrisburg Radio Amateurs' Club WinterFest

**Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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/VUCC 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.**



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**Talk-in  
146.76 (PL 100 Hz)**

**Web Site: [www.w3uu.org](http://www.w3uu.org)**

## 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/>



Steven, KA3PDQ

### Your License

If you didn't already know the next time you renew or get a license there will be a \$50.00 fee!

Yes, that's right the federal government has decided that the free ride is over and there will now be a fee assessed to every new, renewed or modified license grant except for change of address. The way it is to work is you will need your FRN number and pay the Feds direct, As of now the VE Team will NOT be handling any of the payments. So we will have to see if this slows the growth of Amateur Radio. So for the 10 year life of your license that's only \$5.00 a year.



## Upcoming Programs for 2020

### November 11 - 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 of ?

## October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The October 14, 2020 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1900 HRS by the Vice President, Tim (W4NKC)

The October 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 September 9, 2020 meeting were published in the newsletter.  
Chuck(N3WL) made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Bob (K3RTS) seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**Treasurers Report** – Dave (KC3MG) gave the treasurers report. Motion to accept was made by Paul (KA3SGY) and seconded by Chuck (N3WL) Motion Carried.

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

**Equipment Trustee** – All equipment was accounted for and insured.

**Repeater Committee** – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that all the antenna and associated hardware was in the hands of the site owner and awaiting installation

**Laurel VE Committee** – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next exam session scheduled is schedule for October 17, 2020. The location is to be 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg.

**Membership Committee** – Tim (W4NKC) reported that we have 77 members with 50 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](mailto: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.

**Emergency Communications** – Bob (K3RTS) reported on changes in the Dauphin County ARES/RACES group.  
Upcoming events are in flux due to the COVID-19 virus.  
Classes are available on Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @7:00 PM. There is also a Information Net on Monday evenings at 1900 hours local.

**DXCC** – No Report

**Ham Feast** – No Report

**Hamfest Committee** – Tim (W4NKC) reported on the Oktoberfest to be held October 17, 2020.  
The hamfest is to be held at the VVA, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg.  
Tailgating as well as Amateur Radio testing are to be available. Flyers were to be created. The Vice President asked for all Club Members to assist in this event.  
Much help will be needed starting at 5:00 AM.

**ARRL Field Day** - No Report

**Elmer Time** – None

**Old Business** – Tim (W4NKC) reported that work on the trailer continues with the insulation being 95% complete.

**New Business** – Tim (W4NKC) advised the group that it needed to form a nominating committee for the Officer elections to be held in December. After some consideration the following heroes stepped forward; Dave (KC3MG), Bob (K3RTS) and Steven (KA3PDQ) will come up with a slate of officers for the 2021 term.

**Good of the Club** – Glenn (K3SWZ) will be working on a QSL Card mailing after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

**Adjournment** – With no further business Paul (KA3SGY) made a motion to adjourn at 1933 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](mailto:k3swz@arrl.net)

73

de Glenn, K3SWZ

## PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS

Start Day (UTC) → 1 → End Day (UTC)

Start Time (UTC) → 0000Z → End Time (UTC)

Contest Name → Major Contest of weekend

2021

Multimode

CW

Digital

off-the-air

SSB

VHF/UHF

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2 ARRL RTTY Roundup	3 NA Sprint CW	7 ARRL DX SSB	6 SP Polish DX	7 7QP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	4 SEANET Contest	1 Marconi Memorial HF	2 NAQP CW	3 CWops CW Open	4 California QSO Party	2 ARRL SS CW	3 ARRL 160
9 NAQP CW	10 WPX RTTY	13 NA Sprint RTTY	14 JIDX CW	10 CQ-M DX	11 ARRL June VHF	8 IARU HF	9 WAE CW	12 WAE SSB	14 Oceania CW	11 WAE RTTY	12 ARRL 10
16 NAQP SSB	17 ARRL DX CW	20 Russian DX	21 CQMM DX	17 King of Spain	18 All Asian CW	15 CQ VHF	16 NAQP SSB	19 WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	17 Worked All Germany	20 ARRL SS SSB	18 RAC Winter
16 ARRL January VHF	18 CQ 160 SSB	26 WPX SSB	27 Florida QSO Party	24 Contest University Dayton Hamvention	25 ARRL Field Day	20 RSGB IOTA	23 WW Digi	26 CQWW RTTY	25 CQWW CW	24 HAPPY HOLIDAYS	25
29 CQ 160 CW	31			29 WPX CW	30				30 CQWW SSB	31	

## 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](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 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

MAIL TO:  
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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.

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

