



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 Secretary**

### **SPECIAL EDITION**

Because we are still looking for an Editor I felt this was important enough to struggle thru putting out a SPECIAL Newsletter.

I do mean struggle! At the September Club Meeting it was decided that the HRAC should try to put together a Fall Hamfest on October 17, 2020. This was due to a need to get together and remember what it was like before the China Virus. Another contributing factor is only God knows where we will be able to go in January. At this time we are still planning on having the Winter Hamfest as long as we are allowed to. The date for the Winter Hamfest is January 9, 2021 at The Vietnam Veterans of America Building at 8000 Derry Street in Harrisburg. I have included the Hamfest Flyer on Page 2. The only issue for these events is we need to be done by 11:00 AM to allow for BINGO set up. Terry tells me there is no worse person out there than a Bingo Lady not getting her spot and stuff set up!

The .76 antenna project has been delayed again it is now scheduled for early October. Hopefully it will be done before the OKTOBERFEST. It probably isn't as important for Talk in than it once since almost everyone has a phone with some kind of Map app And I think the VVA is easy to find.

For the next couple of months you will have to put up with me trying to figure out how to assemble this newsletter. If anybody can help me with how to make WORD work especially inserting documents that would be great.

If you have something you want to see in this Newsletter sent it to me and I will try very hard to get it inserted. Just remember I am struggling with this. So what ever you send me that's the way it will get put in. All submissions will be credited to the sender.

So there will be an October Newsletter coming out. Please make an effort if you can to volunteer a little bit at the Hamfest.

Did I mention we will have a FREE Test Session at the Hamfests but you MUST preregister.

Go outside and enjoy the wonderful Summer weather. It will not last much longer. Put up and repair antennas, take a hike and try the radios on a trail somewhere. Do some reading on how to properly run a real radio but enjoy the warm weather.

73,

Steven, KA3PDQ

**W3UU - Harrisburg Radio Amateurs' Club OktoberFest**

**Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**OKTOBERFEST**

**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
- 🎃 Sellers can **tailgate** in parking lot or have table(s) inside;
- 🎃 **Tables inside - \$5.00 each.**
- 🎃 **Tailgate spot - \$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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## Volunteer Examiner Report

Next session VVA 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg. PA @ the Oktober Hamfest tests start at 9:00 AM.

Anyone interested must preregister.

<http://www.w3uu.org/license-exams/>

Steven, KA3PDQ



## Upcoming Programs for 2020

October – 14 Club Meeting at VVA 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg

Oktober 17 – Fall Hamfest

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.





Scouts at the official Opening of the Hamfest.

Many area Hams have said they look forward to the Salute to the Flag.

**Refresher:**

- 1. What is the approximate amount of change, measured in decibels (db), of a power decrease from 12 watts to 3 watts?**
  - A. -3 db
  - B. -6 db
  - C. -1 db
  - D. -9 db
  
- 2. What is the current following through a 24 ohm resistor connected across 240 volts?**
  - A. 216 amperes
  - B. 0.1 amperes
  - C. 24,000 amperes
  - D. 10 amperes
  
- 3. What are the names of the two electrodes of a diode?**
  - A. Source and drain
  - B. Anode and cathode
  - C. Plus and minus
  - D. Gate and base
  
- 4. What type of circuit controls the amount of voltage from a power supply?**
  - A. Oscillator
  - B. Regulator
  - C. Filter
  - D. Phase inverter

## 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 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.

## 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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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Join the Gang

