



# W3UU NEWSLETTER

— OCTOBER 2022 —

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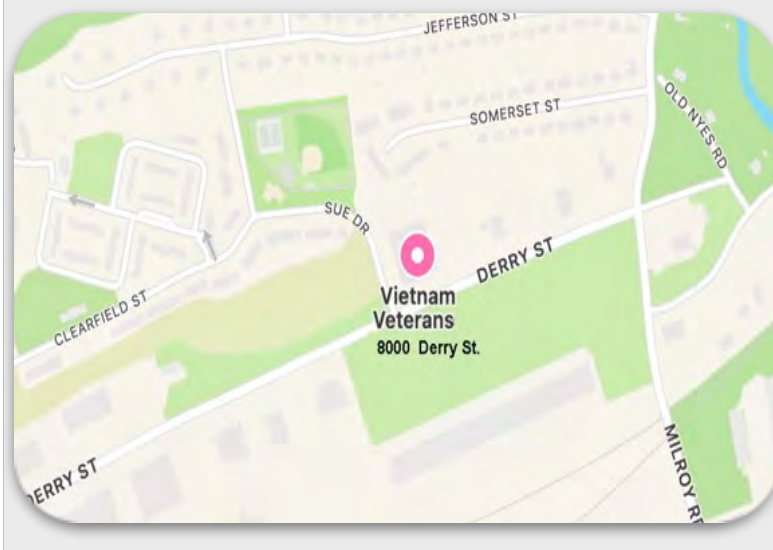
NEXT MEETING is **WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER,** beginning with **SCHEDULE CHANGE** the business

meeting, 1830-1900L followed by the “Elmer Time,” at 1900L at the Harrisburg Vietnam Veterans of America, 8000 Derry St., Harrisburg. All are welcome!

**ELMER TIME** for October is “Introduction to DXing” by **Dave KC3MG**. You don't want to miss this!



*Photo, WB3BKN*



**OKTOBERFEST Electronics and Hamfest is Saturday, 22 October!** (see page 6 for more).

**Your** club needs volunteers to help set-up and break-down. The Friday evening before the event, from 1600-1800L and during the event, 0500L until around Noon. There is no heavy lifting, but ticket takers, greeters, general policing the event, and refreshment concession stand are needed.

Please contact **Bob, K3RTS**, [k3rts@w3uu.org](mailto:k3rts@w3uu.org) for what you can do!



**T**he Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Inc., [HRAC] formed 1 July 1946, as an association of individuals commonly interested in amateur radio, based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It is an ARRL affiliate club.

At the end of World War II, many veterans returned to the Harrisburg area trained and used radio communications in the military. It soon became a common factor among local hobby enthusiasts. Fifty-eight charter members developed the original constitution and bylaws for the club. In 1960, HRAC became a non-profit corporation in Pennsylvania.

The club continues to promote amateur radio in the area in many ways. HRAC is involved with young people by helping with scouting's JOTA activities and promoting amateur radio with school clubs and organizations.

Since 1949, members have provided communications for the American Red Cross in Harrisburg for Dauphin County and Pennsylvania Emergency Management. In addition, we conduct periodic training sessions for emergency responders.

HRAC has three hamfests throughout the year: July's **Firecracker Hamfest** /Eastern Pa Section Convention is always the Saturday before the first Sunday in July. During the convention, you may hear special event station W3UU from the hamfest tailgating area. We set up and operate W3UU to demonstrate amateur radio and invite operators to join in and make contacts. Second: **Oktoberfest**. Third: the well attended **WinterFest** in January is an indoor tailgate fest.

## HRAC CLUB CALENDAR 2022-2023:

- October** .....12th, club meeting.
- .....15th, license testing (see below; and page 10 for special Jump Start Program).
- .....22nd, **HRAC OktoberFest**. (see page 6)
- November** .....9th, club meeting.
- December** .....14th, club meeting — Club Elections! Cookie Exchange!
- .....17th, license testing (see below).
- January** .....11th, club meeting.
- .....14th, **Winter Hamfest**.
- February** .....8th, **HamFeast**.

Please consider stepping up to make a presentation during one of the meetings' "Elmer Time." Everyone has expertise in something and can bring something to the table. Do more than consider, DO it.

### — Club station W3UU —

**Repeater Frequency:**  
146.760 MHz, minus .600 MHz offset.

**Repeater CTCSS Tone:**  
100.0 Hz (Encode/Decode)

**CHANGE Weekly Net:**  
Tuesday at 2000L.

**Website:** [W3UU.org](http://W3UU.org)

**FaceBook:** [www.facebook.com/Harrisburg-Radio-Amateurs-Club-208171495915056/](http://www.facebook.com/Harrisburg-Radio-Amateurs-Club-208171495915056/)

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## LICENSE TESTING:

Affiliated with the Laurel Volunteer Examiners (VE), HRAC conducts testing in February, April, June, August, **October**, December, and other announced times. Sessions begin at 0900L at the announced location. Steven, KA3PDQ, is the Team Leader.

### We require:

- ◆ pre-registration for exams to ensure that we have the level of staffing necessary to conduct an exam.
- ◆ your FCC Federal Registration Number (FRN)
- ◆ a valid email address **in advance** of registering for an upcoming exam.

Registration form and information is at the club's website: [www.w3uu.org/license-exams/](http://www.w3uu.org/license-exams/). (Registrations can be made online up to the Friday before test date.)

**The next test session is scheduled for Saturday, 15 October 2022, at the Harrisburg Vietnam Veterans of America, 8000 Derry St., Harrisburg, PA promptly beginning at 0900L.**

## CONTESTING

### ◆ **Contest Calendar October 2022 (152):**

[www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html](http://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html)

### ◆ **One-By-One special events (101):** [www.1x1callsigns.org](http://www.1x1callsigns.org)

### ◆ **State QSO Parties (7):** [www.contestcalendar.com/stateparties.html](http://www.contestcalendar.com/stateparties.html)

### ◆ **Contester Scores:** [www.3830scores.com/index.php](http://www.3830scores.com/index.php)

### ◆ **ARRL Contest Calendar:** [www.arrl.org/contest-calendar](http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar)

### ◆ **POTA:** [parksontheair.com](http://parksontheair.com)

### ◆ **SOTA:** [www.sota.org.uk](http://www.sota.org.uk)

### ◆ **The PA QSO Party Association**

2022 bonus station operation has been awarded to the Stepansky brothers, Joe (KQ3F), Steve (KC3WX) and Andy (N3VZ). The Stepanskys are long-time Party participants and will be operating from Lehigh County in eastern PA using callsign KQ3F. Joe is a former member of HRAC.

Updated and current rules have been posted: [paqso.org/paqso-party-rules.html](http://paqso.org/paqso-party-rules.html)

PQP has also posted a FAQ: [paqso.org/faqs.html](http://paqso.org/faqs.html) ■

### QUA HRAC?

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### Newsletter submission guidelines

**Deadline:** For the NOVEMBER issue is end of business day WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER — sorry, no exceptions!

✓ Articles, photographs, graphics are welcome! *Limited assistance can be provided.*

✓ Cite the source. Permission must be obtained from the author using copyrighted material except "fair use" extracts.

✓ Please proof-read your finalized narrative before submitting. As a practice, the editor will "quote" rather than "correct."

✓ Submit by email to:

[newsletter@w3uu.org](mailto:newsletter@w3uu.org)

## — HRAC CLUB & MEMBER NEWS —

★ "Member Spotlight" will feature a member from the HRAC community. A short bio with pre-questions like how you got into ham radio and your motivation. The editor will send you a final copy before publication. Please respond if tapped as the selected featured member. (Thanks to **Mike KD3MAD** for the suggestion.)

★ **Tim W4NKC**, Membership Manager, reports we have an increase to 85 members.

★ The W3UU.org webmaster, **Mike KD3MAD**, has resigned from website management and as net controller. We thank Mike for his herculean efforts to update the website, Field Day LAN, and his friendly weekly voice to the W3UU repeater. If you have some website creation or maintenance expertise, please get in touch with the Club leadership for details.

★ **CHANGE:** the club phone net on 2-meters on Wednesday nights has been changed to **Tuesday evenings at 2000L starting 20 September 2022.**

★ If you didn't attend the last "Elmer Time" session, the last meeting, you missed an excellent presentation. It was **Bob K3RTS's** adaptation of "How to operate on the Amateur HF Bands" by George Wilson, K2GW. *Editors Note:* If you are new or an experienced or a curious OM, XYL, YL, to amateur radio, the "Elmer" session discussions, and post discussions, are worth your time. Direct questions to sage and wizard amateur radio operators.

★ **ELECTIONS ARE COMING** in December! Numerous positions will be open to serve.

★ ARRL OCTOBER SET: Club Members **Dan WA3ATV**, **Bob K3RTS**, **Steve KC3TGO**, **Curt K3URT**, and **Chuck KA1YSR**, participated in the SET. Also participating were **Todd KC3LYV** and **Rina KC3OPJ**. ■

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

This month's spotlight is **Curt Sanders, K3URT**.

*Robert Louis Stevenson said "turn about's fair play" so I guess it is my turn:*

**What drew you to be interested in amateur radio? (Who introduced you? Did you have an Elmer? Or was it something else? etc.)**

Principally, Marshall, W3KRM (SK), a WWII buddy of my father. He and Dad would visit Dick Pheil's local TV store (W3HSU, SK) and bring me along. I thought it was a miracle that voices and images could travel invisibly over the air! Dad taught me Morse Code (long forgotten), and antenna making — but his career and other duties eventually took him away from the hobby. (He was more interested in flying, a pilot since 1938, and was heavily involved in the space-race industry in the 1960 and 70s.) It was all super amazing to me.

**Why did you pick your vanity call?**

Initially licensed as N3TLJ, when the FCC came out with vanity licensing, I searched the database, found K3URT, and obtained it in 1994. I thought it would be easy for others to remember, similar to my first name. I am the second holder of this call.

**What is the most fun part of amateur radio? (Kit building, talking, etc.)**

I like DXing, and I was an avid SWLer in the 1960-80s before getting my ticket in 1993. I eventually started contesting to log the DXCCs.

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## LICENSE STUDY INFORMATION

### Technician and General Classes —

#### Lancaster County Public Service Training Center

Technician: October 15-16

General: October 29-30

**VE Sessions:** second Saturday, odd months, 1000L at the York County 9-1-1, 120 Davies Dr., York, PA.

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A free, weekly, live **Technician Class Licensing course** on Zoom™ starting Thursday, **8 September, and running through Thursday, 20 October** (seven sessions). The three-hour sessions will begin at 1830 ET. These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the National Electronics Museum. Those wishing to sign up should email:

[roland.anders@comcast.net](mailto:roland.anders@comcast.net)

Please pass the information along to interested potential new hams. (Thanks, Glenn, K3SWZ) ■

## SWAP & SHOP SPOT

Per the affirmation of the membership, June 2021 meeting, members may post, one-time non-commercial advertisement of items relating to amateur radio, computers, and electronics. "Wanted" advertisements are permitted. Submission of photos are strongly encouraged.

Also, please see posts on the HRAC website and Facebook™.

HRAC is not responsible for any typographical or other errors. While we endeavor to connect interested parties, all transactions are made exclusively between the buyer and seller. HRAC disclaims all responsibility for any issues arising out of the use of, or reliance upon, this information. ■

## Member Spotlight (from page 3)

I also like experimenting with antenna designs, old fashion crystal radios, and collecting QSL cards.

### So far, what was your most exciting moment on amateur radio?

It's all exciting to me. I guess the time I had a PSK31 QSO with Adolf, OX3WS, in Greenland. But logging that elusive DX does it for me.

### Besides amateur radio, what are your other hobbies/passions?

I am a "time traveler" or family historian, researcher, genealogist, or for over 52 years. Upon retiring, with a B. Soc. Sci., a background in publishing, and as a data management analyst with the State, one item on my "bucket list" was to publish. I have three books under my belt and working on another. I love sifting through old documents and tramping cemeteries and archives in search of the truth. I use certified academic standards for historical research. As Joe Friday would say "just the facts please."

I also like gardening but severely cut back because of all the invasive critters!

### What do you see are the most pressing issues in the amateur radio service community?

I have been listening to "hams" since 1959, and see a decline in the "culture." Courtesy, manners, and respect for others are still pretty good, but "back in the day," divisive politics and religion were not welcomed.

We need more humor, less crankiness; and new hams need "Elmers." ■

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### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

Contact: Carmine Prestia,  
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• **Unpaved of the Susquehanna Valley Bicycle Race**, [gropromotions.com/unpaved/](http://gropromotions.com/unpaved/) **9 October**. Begins and ends in Lewisburg, PA through the Bald Eagle State forest/four counties. Various positions and times.

— Source: gathered from various venues and from **Richard, KB3YRC**. ■

**Updated RSGB EMF Calculator:** [rsgb.services/public/software/emccalculator/](https://rsgb.services/public/software/emccalculator/)

**ICOM announces the IC-PW2 HF + 6 meter 1 kw amplifier:** [www.icomamerica.com/en/products/amateur/hf/pw2/default.aspx](http://www.icomamerica.com/en/products/amateur/hf/pw2/default.aspx)

### Did you know?

On 3 May 1955, radio amateurs (General and Extra classes only) could obtain special registration plates in Pennsylvania after Gov. George Leader signed legislation.



### Stay in touch with the **ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Section Manager,**

**George Miller, W3GWM**

URL: <https://epa-arrl.org>

Email: [W3GWM@PTD.NET](mailto:W3GWM@PTD.NET)

"We are proud to announce the first edition of **Signals** the bi-monthly Eastern Pennsylvania Section ARES™ Newsletter.

Bob Wilson (W3BIG) is the editor and has compiled an outstanding newsletter for and about the ARES in our section.

**Signals September** edition is posted on the EPA Website and can be reached at [epa-arrl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/EPA-News-sept-2022.pdf](http://epa-arrl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/EPA-News-sept-2022.pdf) ■

## LOCAL AREA NETS

(ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL):

### MONDAYS

- ◆ 1900: @145.110 MHz, 131.8 Hz Tone, FM, W3ND, Dauphin County ARES/RACES Training Net.
- ◆ 2000: @146.970 MHz, 123.0 Hz Tone, FM, W3HZU Keystone VHF Club net, York.
- ◆ 2030: @146.460 MHz, 67 Hz Tone, +1 MHz offset, FM, N3TWT South Mountain Radio Association net, Mt. Holly Springs.

### TUESDAYS

- ◆ 1900: @146.970 MHz, 123.0 Hz Tone, FM, W3HZU Keystone VHF Club Digital Net.
- ◆ **CHANGE: 2000: @146.76 MHz, 100.0 Hz Tone, FM, Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Information net, W3UU, every TUESDAY. (Formerly on Wednesday, now starting 20 September.)**
- ◆ 2000: @147.315 MHz, 82.5 Hz Tone, FM, K3LV, Lebanon Valley Society of Radio Amateurs, Emergency Net.
- ◆ 2100: @145.230 MHz, 114.8 Hz Tone, FM, K3IR Southern Pennsylvania Radio Club net.

### WEDNESDAYS

- ◆ 1930: @146.865 MHz, 123.0 Hz Tone, FM, Red Lion, W3ZGD, Hilltop Transmitter Association "Spikes and Frogs" railroad hobbyist net.
- ◆ 2000: 28.400 MHz, simplex net, USB, Cumberland Amateur Radio Club (except 3rd Wednesday)
- ◆ 2100: @145.110 MHz, 131.8 Hz Tone, FM, W3ND, Central Pennsylvania SkyWarn™ net

### THURSDAYS

- ◆ 2030: @145.270 MHz, 74.4 Hz Tone, FM, N3TWT, FM Allstar Echolink net.
- ◆ 2100: @145.390 MHz, 118.8 Hz Tone, FM, W3AD Lancaster Transmitting Society net.

### FRIDAYS

### SATURDAYS

- ◆ 2030: 146.580 MHz, simplex, FM, Lancaster County.

### SUNDAYS

- ◆ 0730: 3.583 MHz, PA-NBEMS, Thor22 and MFSK32.
- ◆ 0800: 3.9935 MHz, PEMA statewide Auxiliary Communication Service, LSB (first Sunday of the month only).
- ◆ 0830: 3.9935 MHz. Central Pennsylvania Auxiliary Communication Service, LSB.
- ◆ 1900: 146.490 MHz, simplex net, FM, Cumberland Amateur Radio Club
- ◆ 2000: @146.640 MHz. 85.5 Hz Tone, FM, AA3RG Appalachian Amateur Radio Group net.
- ◆ 2030: @147.120 MHz, 100.0 Hz Tone; FM, W3ACH Cumberland Valley Amateur Radio Club net.
- ◆ 2100: www.w3nd.org Central PA Repeater Association DMR net.

### DAILY

- ◆ 1700: 3.918 MHz, LSB, Eastern PA Traffic Net.
- ◆ 1900: 3.585 MHz, CW, The Dave Heller K3TX Memorial Pennsylvania Traffic Net (PTN).
- ◆ 1945: @147.015 MHz, 118.8 Hz Tone, FM, W3RRR Lancaster County Welfare Net; Red Rose Repeater Association.

® = repeater. Members: Add or update your favorite regional net!

## HAM HISTORY • HARRISBURG Olmsted AFB redux

*Last month's article stirred up some memories for Glenn, K3SWZ, regarding Olmsted AFB in Middletown:*

"When I was first licensed in 1962, Air Force MARS was alive and well at Olmsted AFB on the North Area where [Penn State University] is now. They had a MARS [Military Affiliate Radio Station] station that was manned by USAF troops as their job. There was an enlisted guy, an NCO and an officer. I don't know what their operating schedule was? They would get 'Health and Welfare' traffic (messages) from MARS nets on HF (SSB and RTTY) and it would be distributed around the area by hams who were in the MARS program. There was a 6 Meter AM Net each week and actual traffic was sent. It was on 49.980 MHz.

That Net was a big deal... It probably had 75 check-ins! The call sign of that MARS station was K3AIR<sup>1</sup> for ham use and AG1DN on the MARS frequencies. They used to have quarterly meetings in the NCO Club at Olmsted... For a high school kid that was cool. There was a big national drill and all MARS stations had to be on the air for 24 hours straight. This was in 1964. I remember because I could drive. They were looking for operators to assist in the manning overnight, as the USAF troops would man it thru the day. I volunteered as it was a great reason to hook school and they would feed us. Somehow, I talked my parents into allowing me actually do it! Perry Bates, K3QQA and I manned the station.

The 'pay' for all of this effort in the MARS program was supposedly, you would be eligible to receive surplus gear based on points you would earn for participation. That had a lot of flaws and only the good old boys got anything worthwhile! They had basements full of gear that they had no plans to ever use! Slowly MARS died and by the time Olmsted closed it was gone. Air Force MARS membership did look good on my enlistment paperwork for the PA Air National Guard. Around 1969 while I was in the ANG, I realized that K3AIR was expired, and I ask the Commander of the 271st [Mobile] Communications Sqdn. at HIA, where I was a member, if I could apply for it and he would sign the paperwork as the 'sponsor'. He thought that was a great idea. We got the call and I and some other guys used it a few times on drill weekends and it expired after I got out and now some guy in Western PA has it..."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> From 1952 to 1969, K3AIR was licensed to the 1912th Air Command Communication Squadron, Olmsted AFB, Middletown, Pa.

<sup>2</sup> Licensed from 1970 to 1976. Currently licensed to Michael S. Lazaroff, Washington, PA, at least since 2017.

Citations for the above footnotes are available from the Editor, [newsletter@w3uu.org](mailto:newsletter@w3uu.org)

Thank you Glenn, K3SWZ, for sharing your memories! ■

# W3UU - Harrisburg Radio Amateurs' Club OktoberFest

## Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

### 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
- 🎃 Coffee and snacks available

**No reserved table space.**

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

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❄️ **Save the Date! – W3UU WinterFest is January 14, 2023**



## Volunteer Radio Groups

**At 10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2022**, thousands of people will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great NorthEast ShakeOut, the region’s largest earthquake drill ever! All volunteer radio groups are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your organization, and your community.

Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you.



Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great NorthEast ShakeOut is held on the third Thursday of October each year.

**Everyone can participate!** Individuals, families, businesses, schools, colleges, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register.

Register today at [ShakeOut.org/northeast](https://ShakeOut.org/northeast)

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for what volunteer radio groups can do to participate in the ShakeOut. Learn more at [ShakeOut.org/northeast/howtoparticipate](https://ShakeOut.org/northeast/howtoparticipate).

#### Plan Your Drill:

- Register at [ShakeOut.org/northeast/register](https://ShakeOut.org/northeast/register) to be counted as participating, get email updates, and more.
- Download a Drill Broadcast recording from [ShakeOut.org/northeast/drill/broadcast](https://ShakeOut.org/northeast/drill/broadcast).
- Have a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill at 10:20 a.m. on October 20. You can also practice other aspects of your emergency plan.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

#### Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Update MOUs with critical partners, community leaders and sponsors.
- Check your emergency equipment, such as fire extinguishers, first aid supplies and alternative power.
- Inspect your facilities for items that might fall and cause injury, and secure them with seismic restraints.
- Encourage all members to prepare at home.
- Provide CERT training.

#### Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage everyone to ask their friends, families, neighbors and local businesses to register.
- Ask colleagues in other groups to participate.
- Find posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut at [ShakeOut.org/northeast/resources](https://ShakeOut.org/northeast/resources).
- Share photos and stories of your drill at [Shakeout.org/northeast/share](https://Shakeout.org/northeast/share).



### As a registered ShakeOut Participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Be counted in the largest earthquake drill ever
- Receive ShakeOut news and other earthquake information
- Set an example that motivates others to participate

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## RADIO HISTORY: The Three Callsigns of the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club

de Curt Sanders, K3URT

**In** August we had a brief history of the club name and origins going back to the 1920s. This month: a history of the three callsigns associated with the club.

### W3IGU

1940: “W3IGU—Harrisburg Amateur Radio Club, C. C. Murlott Jr., 2008 Swatara St., Harrisburg, Pa.” is the earliest callsign associated with the club name.<sup>1</sup> World War II ceased U.S. radio operations, so no information is available from 1941 to 1945.

Post WWII, 1946, “W3IGU—Harrisburg Amateur Radio Club, W. N. Smith,<sup>2</sup> Club House, Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, Pa.”<sup>3</sup> (Despite the address, the Club’s meetings were at the Central YMCA, Harrisburg.<sup>4</sup>) It was short-lived—no call is found from 1948 thru 1953. The local newspapers show the club was active during this period, but does not cite a callsign. W3IGU was later picked up by William E. Denk, Devon, PA (1910-2006) in 2005, but expired.<sup>5</sup> It is available for use.

### W3ZEK

It wasn’t until the Fall of 1954 that “W3ZEK Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, 324 No. Second St., Harrisburg, Pa.” is noted.<sup>6</sup> This address was at

“...the Heart Association of Hbg. The HRAC had the third floor which was a walk-up. A free Stress Test with each meeting! First time I went to the club, there was a Johnson

Viking II xmtr. and a Halli-crafters SX-100 rcvr. sitting on the table. Wow!”<sup>7</sup>

No explanation can be found as to why the change of callsign or who was the trustee.

The club call continued at that address until the summer of 1963, and it was not renewed and not found after that.<sup>8</sup> But indeed, “W3ZEK was used during several Field Days! No one seemed to know that it had expired!”

The current FCC database shows no assignee.

### W3UU

Hendry Shivers Byam, (1899-1990) Collingswood, NJ, first has the call W3UU in 1929.<sup>9</sup> He apparently left amateur radio after one year and became a career early pioneer television engineer for CBS’s WCAU in Philadelphia.<sup>10</sup>

Edward Marlin Thompson (1906-1955) of Steelton, acquired W3UU from 1930<sup>11</sup> to mid-1941.<sup>12</sup> World War II came and radio activity ceased, but he reacquired the call in 1946, until his death in 1955. It wasn’t until the winter of 1968 that, “W3UU B Harrisburg RAC Inc, Wm Penn Memorial Mus, Harrisburg PA”<sup>13,14</sup> reappeared used in an exhibit of a working amateur radio station at the State Museum.<sup>15</sup> It used the Museum’s address until 1974, when it relocated to “230 State St, Harrisburg” — squarely in view of the Capitol building.<sup>16</sup> Trustee unknown.

**Richard Augustus Kerlin, K3AM** (1923-2015), a well known friendly voice of local 2-meter FM simplex ragchewing seemingly became the trustee by 1981.<sup>17</sup> Richard continued as the custodian until 1996,<sup>18</sup> when **Steven V. Gobat, KA3PDQ**, became the steward having the longest trusteeship in club history with 25 years.

Trusteeship was conveyed to **David D. Dorrner, Jr., KC3MG** in 2021 and continues today.<sup>19</sup>

W3IGU: 1940-1947

W3ZEK: 1954-1963

W3UU: 1968-present

THE RADIO AMATEUR CALL BOOK, *Chicago: Radio Amateur Call Book, Inc.; located in Chicago, 1902-1968; in Lake Bluff, IL, 1969-1990; in New York, Watson-Guptill Publications, a division of BPI Communications, Inc., from 1991-1997.*

*It met with online competition in 1992, when Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ, took over from Carroll “Rusty” D. Carruth, Sr., N7IKQ (1926-2007). It quickly evolved into QRZ.com — now considered the de facto international look-up source with a claimed 21 million hits per month.<sup>20</sup>*

*Since 1998, the call book does continue in CD-ROM or “USB stick” format by a German firm located at [www.callbook.biz](http://www.callbook.biz).*

★ A special thanks to **Glenn Kurzenknabe, K3SWZ**, for the contributory memories, notes and clarifications.

Do you have information or memories about the history of the club? No tidbit is too small! Send to: [newsletter@w3uu.org](mailto:newsletter@w3uu.org)

<sup>1</sup> *Radio Amateur Call Book [Magazine]*, Spring 1940, Volume 21, number 1, page 63. || Fall 1940, 21:3:63 || Spring 1941, 22:1:60. Full name: Calder Clemson Murlott Jr., 1922-1995. Calder was later executive director in Pennsylvania’s various medical societies.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, Summer 1946, 24:2:62. || “Obituaries: Funeral Rites Friday For Warren N. Smith.” *Harrisburg Telegraph*, 26 Sep. 1946, p. 4. et al. Warren Nilson Smith, W3GTO, 344 S. 13th St., Harrisburg, PA, died near Harrisburg, 25 Sep. 1946, after serving in the Army for 39 months. He was 26 years old.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Summer 1946, 24:2:64. || Fall 1946, 24:3:63. || Fall 1947, 25:3:78.

<sup>4</sup> “Amateur Radio Club Hears Talk by Engineer.” *The Harrisburg Evening News*, 1 Feb. 1947, p. 5.

<sup>5</sup> <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/license.jsp?licKey=792195>; expired 17 Jan. 2016.

<sup>6</sup> *Radio Amateur Call Book [Magazine]*, Fall 1954, 32:3:95.

<sup>7</sup> Glenn Kurzenknabe, K3SWZ; email, 1 Sep. 2022 and 30 Sep. 2022.

<sup>8</sup> *Radio Amateur Call Book [Magazine]*, Summer 1963, 41:2:167. || Fall 1955, 33:3:104.

<sup>9</sup> *Amateur Radio Stations Of The United States*, 30 June 1929 Edition. U.S. Department Of Commerce, Radio Division. Washington: Government Printing Office, p. 72. In 1929 the Federal Radio Commission callsign district three was made up of MD, DC, PA, NJ, VA, and DE.

<sup>10</sup> “Hendry S. Byam, 90, television pioneer.” *Courier-Post*, Camden, NJ, 14 Jan. 1990, p. 7B. Also, “South Jersey deaths,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 14 Jan. 1990, p. 6-B J.

<sup>11</sup> *Amateur Radio Stations Of The United States*, 30 June 1930 Ed., p. 85. Thompson’s “ownership” of W3UU is missing from 1931 to 1934, but is assumed active as it appears in the *Call Book* from 1934 to 1955.

<sup>12</sup> *Radio Amateur Call Book [Magazine]*, Fall 1934, 15:3:76. || Spring 1936, 17:1:83 || Fall 1937, 18:3:77 || Spring 1938, 19:1:68 || Spring 1939, 20:1:67 || Spring 1940, 21:1:65 || Fall 1940, 21:3:65 || Spring 1941, 22:1:63 || Summer 1946, 24:2:68 || Fall 1946, 24:3:74 || Fall 1947, 25:3:88 || Fall 1948, 26:3:91 || Summer 1949, 27:2:89 || Summer 1950, 28:1:91 || Spring 1951, 29:1:95 || Fall 1952, 30:3:100 || Fall 1953, 31:3:101 || Spring 1954, 32:1:102 || Fall 1954, 32:3:89 || Fall 1955, 33:3:100.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, Summer 1968, 45:2:168. The “B” = a club call designation used by the *Call Book*.

<sup>14</sup> In 1968, “...the FCC rule change ... allowed any Extra Class licensee who had been licensed 25 years or longer to request a on-by-two call sign...” — this included newly allowed clubs. (Citing “Incentive Licensing Adopted by FCC,” *QST*, Oct. 1967, p. 78.) Sager, Phil, WB4FDT, and Palm, Rick, K1CE. “An Overview of Amateur Call Signs — Past and Present.” *QST*, May 1994, p. 57. [an excellent article on the convoluted US amateur radio callsign history, <https://tinyurl.com/39t33ewf>]

<sup>15</sup> “Radio, TV Capsulized For Public Exhibition.” *The Daily Notes*, Canonsburg, PA, 23 Dec. 1968, p. 6.

<sup>16</sup> *Radio Amateur Call Book [Magazine]*, Winter 1974, 51:4:157.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.* Winter 1981, 59:1:250.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.* 74:1:376, et al.

<sup>19</sup> <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/license.jsp?licKey=794179> Effective 21 Sep. 2021.

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.qrz.com/page/about.html>



## W3UU The Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, Inc.

### President – Bob, K3RTS, Vice-President – Vacant



#### —MINUTES OF THE 14 SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING—

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** On Wednesday, 14 September 2022, the meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was so ordered at 1830L by the President, Robert Saber, K3RTS, at the Vietnam Veterans Association Building, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, those in attendance took the recommended precautions.

**INTRODUCTIONS BY NAME & CALL SIGN** — Ten individuals were present and introduced themselves briefly.

**SECRETARY REPORT** – Secretary Report submitted by Frank Alponi, KC3NRK, for August meeting was approved. Motions: Chuck, KA1YSR, and George, AC3EA.

**TREASURERS REPORT** – Dave, KC3MG, was absent, but President Saber read the report. The report was dated 31 August 2022. Approved. Motions: Tim, W4NKC, and George, AC3EA.

**LICENSE TRUSTEE REPORT** – Dave, KC3MG, was absent but reported that the license is suitable, and there have been no complaints.

**EQUIPMENT TRUSTEE REPORT** – Terry, WB3BKN, was absent; evidently, everything is good.

**LAUREL VE COMMITTEE** – Tim, W4RNC, reports next test session is on 15 October.

**REPEATER COMMITTEE** – No information provided. Membership in attendance says it is working well.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** – Chair Tim, W4NKC, reports an increase from last month of 81 to 85 new or renewed members on the roster.

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE** – Curt, K3URT, reports the next article

deadline is by the end of business day, Wednesday, 5 October 2022. Contact and submissions: [newsletter@w3uu.org](mailto:newsletter@w3uu.org).

**WEB PAGE COMMITTEE** – As reported by Mike, KD3MAD, in his last report submitted and published in the August newsletter, has resigned from duties as webmaster. Therefore there is an opening for web management of W3UU.org. Please contact Bob, [K3RTS@w3uu.org](mailto:K3RTS@w3uu.org), concerning applying for the job.

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS** – Robert, K3RTS, reports: ARES Net meets every Monday at 1900L on the 145.110 repeater.

The annual ARRL SET is scheduled for 1-2 and 20-22 October. Details are forthcoming for District 4. Contact Bob, [K3RTS@w3uu.org](mailto:K3RTS@w3uu.org) for notification.

**ELMER TIME** — Coordinator Joe, W3JPH, absent. The new Elmer time slot, immediately following the business meeting of the Club, was implemented in this meeting session. Bob, K3RTS, presented a modified slide presentation of "How to Operate on the Amateur HF Bands" by George Wilson, K2GW. Many conversations, education, and comments ensued after that.

**HAMFEST** — Upcoming Hamfests will be the OctoberFest on 22 October 2022 and the Winter Hamfest on 14 January 2023. Volunteers requested to be available from 0500L to 1200L, and the event runs from 0700L until 1100L. Volunteers are also needed the Fridays before the events, on location at 1600L, for signage set-up and prep.

For the "Octoberfest," volunteers are additionally needed for the refreshment concession. Contact: Bob, [K3RTS@w3uu.org](mailto:K3RTS@w3uu.org)

**OLD BUSINESS** – Concern about website continuity, particularly the Volunteer Examiner links, and processes, was raised by Curt, K3URT.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Club elections are coming up in December. In a message to the President, Dave, KC3MG, also stated that he will not run for Club Treasurer. Also, Dave serves as Net Control Manager and has tendered his resignation due to other pressing obligations.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB** – *Attendance:* The assembly noted the low attendance for meetings and the seemingly Wednesday nights with member conflicts. Adam, KC3MFJ, suggested a survey of the membership on which night would be best for them. Nick, AA3T, and Tim, W4NKC, indicated that the second Wednesday-of-the-month meetings might be in the Club by-laws. The suggestion was taken into consideration. [Editors' note: By-law 2004, Article III, Section I: "This Club will normally hold regular meetings on the second Wednesday in the month. Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the Officers of the Club providing all members are properly notified."]

*Elections:* a nominating committee will be formed the next meeting. Please step forward to volunteer! It's YOUR club!

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion to adjourn by George, AC3AE and seconded by Chuck, KA1YSR. The meeting closed at 1954L, but a few members lingered longer for discussions.

**MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by Curt, K3URT, on behalf of Secretary Frank, KC3RNK, in his scheduled absence.

*The Meeting Minutes is a document of the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, Inc. Therefore, all content is unabridged from the original. Corrections to the Minutes are made at the next club meeting by vote of the membership by for change/approval/disapproval. — Ed.*

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

If you recently obtained your first license through our Harrisburg Volunteer Examiner Team, bring your application and CSCE to a club meeting and we will waive the membership dues for your first year of membership!

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