



W3UU NEWSLETTER

— JANUARY 2023 —

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NEXT MEETING is
● **WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY,**
● beginning 1830L at the
Harrisburg Vietnam Veterans
of America, 8000 Derry St., Harrisburg. **All are**
welcome!

ELMER TIME for January is
not scheduled at press time.



Terry Snyder, WB3BKN

ELECTIONS! New club officers have been elected:

Congratulations to:

- President: Terry Snyder, WB3BKN
- Vice President: Chuck Maletich, KA1YSR
- Secretary: Frank Aponte, KC3NRK
- Treasurer: Frank Aponte, KC3NRK
- License Trustee: to be appointed
- Equipment Trustee: Terry Snyder, WB3BKN

Please give your support to your officers — they are only part of the club!

- Also, *non-elected Committee*, available:
 - Elmer Time Coordinator



— **WINTERFEST 14**
January 2023 —

Electronics and Hamfest
(see pages 4, 6 for details)



The 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 2023:

- January** 11th, club meeting.
..... 14th, **Winter Hamfest** — see pages 3, 4.
- February** 8th, HamFeast.
..... 18th, license testing (see below).
- March** 8th, club meeting.
- April** 12th, club meeting.
..... 15th, license testing (see below).
- May** 10th, club meeting.
- June** 14th, club meeting.
..... 17th, license testing (see below)

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)

Weekly Net: Wednesdays

at 1900L, except 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Website: W3UU.org

FaceBook: 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. **Tim Lehman** 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/. (Registrations can be made online up to the Friday before test date.)

The next test session is scheduled for Saturday, 18 February, at the Harrisburg Vietnam Veterans of America, 8000 Derry St., Harrisburg, PA promptly beginning at 0900L.

(See important new information on page 6)

— HARRISBURG RADIO AMATEUR CLUB NEWS —

★ **Congratulations** to the new club officers (see page 1). Many thanks and gratitude to the outgoing officers, President **Bob K3RTS** and Treasurer, **Dave, KC3MG**, for their service.

★ **Tim W4NKC**, *Membership Manager*, reported in the November meeting the club has 86 members with 61.6% holding ARRL membership. (No change from last month.)

● And speaking of **MEMBERSHIP: RENEW your annual dues**. Membership ends 31 December of each year. Please find the application at the end of this newsletter.

★ **Tim W4NKC**, has been appointed the **new Harrisburg Laurel VE Team Leader** (see pages 2 and 6 for more information).

★ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT NET:** the club phone net has changed back to **Wednesday evenings at 1900L, starting 23 November 2022**. The net was changed in September to Tuesdays at 2000L due to a scheduling issues, but is **now back on Wednesdays**. Spread the word.

● **QST club member radio amateurs. How would you like to have an opportunity to run the HRAC Weekly Net on the W3UU repeater?**

Open to all licensed amateurs, the HRAC Weekly Net is held every Wednesday evening except the 2nd Wednesday of the month (club meeting night at 6:30 p.m. local). Topics range from club business and events, "Swap and Shop," and general information regarding amateur radio at large.

Providing amateurs with experience, net control is restricted to club members. By serving as Net Control, you will gain valuable experience with this type of radio operation and offer assistance to the club and its membership.

If you are interested in serving as Net Control, don't hesitate to get in touch with Curt:

K3URT@w3uu.org.

JANUARY 14TH WINTERFEST 2023 HELP WANTED!

(see page 4 for event announcement)

—Volunteers are requested—

When? The day before, Friday (13th), 1600-1700ish, and the day of the event, Saturday (14th), from 0500-1200ish.

Where? Vietnam Veterans of America, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg.

What to do? There is very little physical work involved for this event.

- Friday—afternoon set-up of outside promo signs, flags, banner.
- Saturday—ticket taking, answering questions, shaking hands.



Refreshments: *no club volunteers needed.* The auxiliary ladies of the VVA are looking forward to serving and selling great tasting hot coffee and lite refreshments* (**free to club volunteer workers only**).

Contact: Terry Snyder, WB3BKN, wb3bkn1@gmail.com

* Cost of refreshments is not included in general public admission, and is operated independently of the hamfest.

If interested in serving as Net Control, check in and attend at least four (4) nets before volunteering. Furthermore, based upon character and conduct, the Net Manager reserves the right to restrict any club member from serving as Net Control at their direction.

No experience is needed, and the Manager will gladly work with you with a provided script to follow. Get on the air!

★ **WEBMASTER:** Congratulations to **Rick Taylor, K2RBT**, as the new club website webmaster! Thanks Rick!

★ **WANTED (non-elected position):**

● **ELMER TIME COORDINATOR:**

a volunteer who arranges monthly guests for amateur radio related presentations after the business meeting.

Apply to: **Terry WB3BKN**, WB3BKN1@gmail.com

★ **"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.*)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: takes a break for the New Year.

W3UU - Harrisburg Radio Amateurs' Club WinterFest

Saturday January 14th, 2023

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
- ❄ Coffee and snacks available

No reserved table space.

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

For further information contact:



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Save the Date! – W3UU FIRECRACKER Hamfest is July 1, 2023

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.
- ◆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.
- ◆1900: @146.76 MHz, 100.0 Hz Tone, FM, **Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Information net, W3UU.**
- ◆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

—100 years ago—

CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Richard Delmotte Is New Secretary of Harrisburg Radio Club

Repeated success of the three-watt tube transmitter now being used by the Harrisburg Radio Club lead the officials of the organization to believe that they may be able to reach half way round the world with the large set which they expect to have in order next week. The log book of the organization is fast being filled with acknowledgements from stations as far west as San Benito, Texas. Others in the list for the last two days include: 2 BVH, New Brunswick, N. J., 9 CGD, Milwaukee; 8BMH, Akron, Ohio; 8BOZ Sandusky, Ohio; 8 CKV, Springfield, Ohio; 8 C. P. Holland, Ohio and 8 DAT, Bay City, Michigan.

Richard Delmotte was elected treasurer of the organization at the last meeting to succeed Lewis Ellicker, who resigned because of business activities. It was announced to-day that re-organization would be effected, at the next meeting scheduled for Monday evening. It is rumored that members of the club not in good standing with their dues, would be dropped from the roll after February 1.

New parts for the transformer burned out during the trans-atlantic test are expected to reach this city early next week and everything will be in readiness for a try-out Saturday.

"Radio News." Harrisburg Telegraph, 26 January 1923, p. 18.

— Licensing Information —

New General Question Pool Released for Amateur Radio Licensing — Effective July 1, 2023.

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators' (NCVEC) Question Pool Committee (QPC) has released the 2023 - 2027 **General Class FCC Element 3** Syllabus and Question Pool to the public. The new General Question Pool is effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

The new pool incorporates some significant changes compared to the 2019 - 2023 version. Its 432 questions were modified slightly to improve wording and to replace distractors; 51 new questions were generated, and 73 questions were eliminated. This resulted in a reduction of 22 questions, bringing the total number of questions in the pool down from 454. The level of difficulty of questions is more balanced, and the techniques and practices addressed have been updated.

The pool is available as a Microsoft Word document and PDF online at, <http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=369> The single graphic required for the new General Question Pool is available within the documents, or separately as PDF and JPG file formats.

"The newly revised pool must be used for General-class license exams starting July 1, 2023," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, who is a member of the NCVEC Question Pool Committee. "New test designs will be available to ARRL Volunteer Examiners on that date."

General class examination candidates preparing for their exams using the **OLD** 9th edition of The General Class License Manual, and/or the 6th edition of ARRL's General Q & A are **encouraged to test by, or before, June 30, 2023**. New editions of ARRL licensing publications will be available in May, for exams taken on, or after, July 1, 2023.

— ARRL Bulletin 23 ARLB023

HARRISBURG LAUREL VOLUNTEER EXAMINER TEAM Leadership Change

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ, has retired from the Harrisburg VE Team leader role after many years of service. Thank you Steven for your guiding hand for smooth testing operations!

Congratulations to **Tim Lehman W4NKC**, for his appointment as the new Harrisburg Laurel VE Team Leader.

NOTE: the last time anyone can test under the old General Class test pool under the Harrisburg Laurel VE is Saturday, 17 June 2023. Testing is scheduled at the Vietnam Veterans Post, 8000 Derry St., Harrisburg (see page 2 for more details and the club website, w3uu.org for registration).

The Harrisburg Laurel VEC tests are free. The Harrisburg Team gives tests to all three amateur classes: Technician, General, and Extra.

2022 Year End Report

VE Honor Roll:

KA3PDQ.....	114
KE3YC.....	97
W4NKC (KB3OZA).....	72
K3DRE.....	65
N3FWE.....	48
KB3MCK.....	47
N3HLK.....	46
K3URT.....	45
KB3PQT.....	32
KV3Q.....	27
N3QLB.....	25
N3UGW.....	22
K3WKK.....	17
AC3EA.....	11
W3JPH.....	1

2022 Test Sessions • 6 Sessions

- 46 Elements
- Successful Exams:
- 20 Element 2
- 12 Element 3
- 4 Element 4

Saturday, 17 December Session

We administered 8 Elements to 8 applicants. All passed.
4 - Tech 3 - General 1 - Extra
Thanks to all of your hard work.

VEs in attendance:

**Steven, KA3PDQ Tim, W4NKC
Curt, K3URT George, AC3EA
Frank, KB3PQT**

Great Job Everyone!!! Thank You.
— Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ

Legacy CORES (COmission Registration System) users must register in the new CORES System.

The FCC retired the legacy version of CORES on July 15, 2022. Updated version of CORES:

apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do

Licensees who do not have an FCC username account must set one up at:

apps2.fcc.gov/fccUserReg/pages/createAccount.htm

with a unique username (a valid email address) and password. When logged in, associate your existing FRN with your username. You can view these instructions on the FCC Registration Help page at:

apps.fcc.gov/cores/publicHome.do?help=true

Find your FRN in the system by using the FCC's License Search page at:

wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp

FCC CORES tutorial videos, can be found on the ARRL website at:

www.arrl.org/fcc-cores-registration-instructions

Licensees can also call FCC Licensing Support Services by dialing 877-480-3201 or visit their e-support page for help at www.fcc.gov/available-support-services.



A free, weekly, live, Amateur Radio EXTRA Class Licensing course...

...on Zoom will begin on Thursday, 12 January 2023, and will run through Thursday, 23 March 2023. There will be 11 sessions. The three-hour sessions will start at 1830 Eastern Time. Sessions will be recorded. Those attending should hold (or be studying for) the General Class Amateur Radio License. These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the National Electronics Museum, www.nationalelectronicmuseum.org

Those wishing to sign up email roland.anders@comcast.net

CONTESTING



2023 is the ARRL Year of the Volunteers.

With that, ARRL will be holding Volunteers On the Air (VOTA), a year-long on-air celebration that recognizes the organization's abundant volunteer support and contributions. By using ARRL's Logbook of The World:

www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world participants making contacts in 2023 will accumulate points, as well as contact new stations and make new friends all over the world.

From January 1 (0000 UTC) to December 31, 2023 (2359 UTC), hams can participate in the VOTA event, which will include special week-long activations by W1AW portable stations from all 50 states and most US territories. Each W1AW portable activation will begin on a Wednesday at 0000 UTC and end the following Tuesday at 2359 UTC, and each state will be activated twice.

Visit the VOTA online dashboard: <https://vota.arrl.org> for a complete list of dates and stations to be activated.

— QST, January 2023, p. 77. (ARRL Director of Operations Bob Naumann, W5OV, and ARRL Radiosport Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ)

◆ Contest Calendar

January 2023 (138):

www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html

Popular for the month:

- PODXS 070 CLUB PSKFest (7th)
- ARRL RTTY Roundup (7-8)
- ARRL Kids Day (7)
- North American QSO Party (21-22)
- ARRL January VHF (21-23)
- Winter Field Day (28-29)

◆ One-By-One special events (57 calls, 13 events): www.1x1callsigns.org

Popular for the month:

- Winter Field Day (27 listed)
- WRTC (17 listed)

◆ State QSO Parties (none listed):

www.contestcalendar.com/stateparties.html

State QSO Party Challenge: stateqsoparty.com

◆ Contester Scores:

www.3830scores.com/index.php

◆ ARRL Contest Calendar: www.arrl.org/contest-calendar

◆ POTA: parksontheair.com

◆ SOTA: www.sota.org.uk

Known HRAC contest participants - release of some scoring. contests.arrl.org and cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/index_cq_contests.html

ARRL 2022 International Digital Contest, raw scores, not finalized.

- Keith W3KB, 2nd place in W3-land, SOLP one radio.
 - Curt K3URT, 38th in W3 in class, SOLP one radio.
- The contest had 1,452 submitted logs.

ARRL 2022 International Phone Contest, final.

Keith W3KB, SOLP unlimited.

ARRL International DX CW Contest, final.

Keith W3KB, SOLP unlimited.

ARRL RTTY Round Up, final.

Keith W3KB, 22nd place worldwide.

2022 IARU HF World Championships; raw score, not finalized.

Keith W3KB, 12th place worldwide in CW LP class.

2022 CQ WPX RTTY Contest, final.

Curt K3URT, SOLP ALL. 10th place W3 in class.

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™.

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Stay in touch with the
ARRL
Eastern
Pennsylvania

Section Manager,
George Miller, W3GWM

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

Email: W3GWM@PTD.NET

"We are proud to announce **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 October edition is posted on the EPA Website and can be reached at epa-arrl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Signals-OCT-2022.pdf

HRAC Membership ends 31 December of every year. Please renew your membership today — see the application at the end of this newsletter.

Legal Stuff

Bill to Replace Symbol Rate Limit with Bandwidth Limit:

Congresswoman Debbie Lesko (AZ-08) introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 9664) on December 21, 2022, to require that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) replace the current HF digital symbol rate limit with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit. Full pdf text of the "Amateur Radio Communication Improvement Act" bill: www.arrl.org/files/file/HR9664/HR9664-Rep-Lesko-AZ-8-ARRL-Symbol-Rate-Bill.pdf

Bill to Eliminate Private Land Use Restrictions on Amateur Radio:

Congressman Bill Johnson (OH-6) introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R.9670) on Thursday, December 22, 2022, to eliminate private land use restrictions that prohibit, restrict, or impair the ability of an Amateur Radio Operator from operating and installing amateur station antennas on property subject to the control of the Amateur Radio Operator. Bill pdf: www.arrl.org/files/file/HR9670/HR9670-Amateur-Radio-Emergency-Preparedness-Act.pdf

Etc. Etc.:

Need an azimuthal map for that new beam you received for Christmas? Check out: ns6t.net/azimuth/azimuth.html

Radio Club of Haïti will celebrate its 75th anniversary next March 2023 and has been granted permission to use the special callsign HH75RCH for the period 1 January to 1 May 2023. Active on all HF bands, 6M, CW and FT8. The QSL Manager for the commemorative operation is N2OO.

Still in effect today! (See FCC: https://www.fcc.gov/document/new-rules-amateur-radio-operators). Notice: no "moaning" allowed 😊

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

41992
July 9, 1940

The Commission on July 5, 1940, adopted the following new rules governing Amateur Radio stations and Operators, effective immediately:

Sec. 12.156 Obscenity, indecency, profanity. No licensed radio operator or other person shall transmit communications containing obscene, indecent, or profane words, language, or meaning.

Sec. 12.157 False signals. No licensed radio operator shall transmit false or deceptive signals or communications by radio, or any call letter or signal which has not been assigned by proper authority to the radio station he is operating.

Sec. 12.158 Unidentified communications. No licensed radio operator shall transmit unidentified radio communications or signals.


Sec. 12.159 Interference. No licensed radio operator shall willfully or maliciously interfere with or cause interference to any radio communication or signal.

Sec. 12.160 Damage to apparatus. No licensed radio operator shall willfully damage, or cause or permit to be damaged, any radio apparatus or installation in any licensed radio station.

Sec. 12.161 Fraudulent licenses. No licensed radio operator or other person shall obtain or attempt to obtain, or assist another to obtain or attempt to obtain, an operator license by fraudulent means.

QUA HRAC?

Send to: newsletter@w3uu.org
Deadline for next newsletter submissions is by end of business day, Wednesday, 1st of February 2023.


 T. J. Slowie,
Secretary.

W3UU The Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, Inc. President – Bob, K3RTS, Vice-President – Vacant



MINUTES OF THE December 14, 2022 MEETING

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, December 14th, 2022, meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1835L by the President, Robert [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: Seven individuals were present and introduced themselves briefly.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – November 2022 Minutes. Opened for comments, questions, and corrections. Motion to Accept the corrected Secretary Report by Nick [AA3T]. Tim [W4NKC] seconded the motion; the attending membership approved the minutes by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No report for November 2022. Dave [KC3MG] was unable to attend.

LICENSE TRUSTEE REPORT – Robert [K3RTS] reported that there has been no news of complaints filed with the FCC. Dave [KC3MG] was unable to attend.

EQUIPMENT TRUSTEE REPORT – Terry [WB3BKN] reported that work to document, serialize, place, and locate all club equipment in the trailer is on hold over the holidays and will resume next year. Terry expects to have a couple more months of work ahead of him to complete the task. Please contact Terry, WB3BKN if you would like to help out with these efforts.

LAUREL VE COMMITTEE – Volunteer VE attending Tim [W4NKC] reported subsequent testing is Saturday, December 17th, 2022 at 0900L and that individuals must register by end-of-day the Friday before – we have eleven registrations so far. The testing location is the Vietnam Veterans Association Building, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111. NOTE: Steven [KA3PDQ] will be stepping down as Lead Examiner for the Laurel VE Committee at the end of 2022 and Tim [W4NKC] will be the new Lead Examiner.

REPEATER COMMITTEE – Terry [WB3BKN] reported that there are no changes or new developments with the W3UU repeater.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Chair Tim [W4NKC] reported that there are 86 current members with 53 being ARRL members (61.6%). With more than 50% of our members also being ARRL members, we remain an ARRL Affiliated Club.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE – Curt [K3URT] reported that the next newsletter article deadline is by the close of business, Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Please send newsletter articles to newsletter@w3uu.org.

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE – No report this month. Terry [WB3BKN] has been interviewing Web Page Committee members and news about the new team and lead will be made soon.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS – Robert [K3RTS] reports: Dauphin County ARES Net meets every Monday at 1900L on the 145.110 repeater (Ellendale Forge, W3ND).

ELMER TIME The club is looking for a new Elmer Time Coordinator, please let an officer know if you are interested. There was no formal Elmer Time after tonight's business meeting, but those in attendance enjoyed rag and cookie chewing during our annual cookie night.

HAMFEST – The next Hamfest for the club will be the Winter Hamfest on 14 January 2023. Volunteers are requested to be available from 500L to 1200L; the event runs from 700L until 1100L. Volunteers are needed for site setup at 1600L the Friday before. Please contact Terry [WB3BKN] to volunteer.

WINTER FIELD DAY 2023 – The fourth weekend in January is January 28-29 – so save the date!

FIELD DAY 2023 – The fourth weekend in June is June 24-25 – so save the date!

OLD BUSINESS – Changing the meeting night requires a revision to the club's by-laws, so that effort will be tabled until the new year.

NEW BUSINESS – Robert [K3RTS] read out the 2023 Club Officers nominations slate. The Nomination Committee consisting of Dave [KC3MG], Tim [W4NKC], and Frank [KC3NRK] presented the following slate of nominations:

President: Terry [WB3BKN]
Vice President: Chuck [KA1YSR]
Secretary: Frank [KC3NRK]
Treasurer: Frank [KC3NRK]

Motion to Accept the Election Slate of Club Officers for 2023 by Tim [W4NKC]. Terry [WB3BKN] seconded the motion. The attending membership approved the election of officers by unanimous voice vote.

– Robert [K3RTS] opened a discussion for a \$200USD donation to the VVA (the organization that provides the location for our in-person club meetings and Hamfests). Motion to Accept the donation to the VVA and amount by Steve [KC3EUU]. Terry [WB3BKN] seconded the motion; the attending membership approved the donation and amount by voice vote.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB – It is time to start thinking about HamFeast for 2023. We discussed the location tonight and will look at using either the Hoss's in Hummelstown or the Peach Tree Restaurant in Harrisburg for the event. Save the date for Wednesday, Feb 8, 2023.

– The club is looking for a manager for the Keystone Award. If interested, please let a club officer know.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn by Tim [W4NKC] and seconded by Steve [KC3EUU]. The meeting closed at 1924L.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Frank Aponte [KC3NRK] Secretary.

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Membership per year is: [] \$15.00, [] \$7.50 if over 65.

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