

W3UU The Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, Inc.
President – Terry [WB3BKN], Vice-President – Chuck [KA1YSR]



MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2025 MEETING

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

The Wednesday, July 9, 2025, meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1835L by the Vice-President, Chuck [KA1YSR], at the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Eleven individuals were present and introduced themselves by name and call-sign.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

June 2025 Minutes were opened for comments, questions, and corrections. Motion to Accept the June 2025 Secretary's Report as published, by Steve [KC3VPJ], seconded by Al [KC3YMK]. The attending membership approved the Meeting Minutes by voice acclamation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank [K3FXA] submitted documents for the Treasurer's Report for July 2025. Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report by Bob [K3MPB] and seconded by Tim [W4NKC]. The attending membership approved the Treasurer's Reports by voice acclamation. Documents presented were the Bank Checking and Savings ledgers and income/expense report from the 5 July 2025 Harrisburg Firecracker Hamfest.

LICENSE TRUSTEE REPORT:

Dave [KC3MG] not present. No report.

EQUIPMENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

Terry [WB3BKN] not present. No report.

LAUREL VE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Lead VE Tim [W4NKC] reported that the next testing date is Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 0900L and that individuals must register by 1800L on August 13, 2025. Please arrive by 0830L on test day to get checked in so that testing can start promptly at 0900L. The testing location is the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111. June testing had no-shows.

REPEATER COMMITTEE REPORT:

Terry [WB3BKN] not present. No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Membership Chair Tim [W4NKC] reported that our total renewals at present, July 2025, are 55 members with 38 being ARRL members (69.1%). With more than 50% of our members also being ARRL

members, we remain an ARRL Affiliated Club.

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Webmaster Rick [K2RBT] not present. No report.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

- Contact ares.harrisburgpa@gmail.com to be added to the e-mail list for updates and announcements.
- Dauphin County ARES / RACES Net meets every Monday at 1900L on the 145.110 repeater (Ellendale Forge, W3ND). All are welcome to participate in the Net. Bob, K3RTS, Dauphin County Director.
- In-Person meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1900L at the Lower Paxton Township Building, 425 Prince St, Harrisburg. At present no summer meetings.
- ARES members signed-up for Winlink exercises, participated in a basic FEMA requested drill, 9 July 2025.

Want to participate in EmComm Training? Go to: <https://emcomm-training.org/> and sign-up. No rigs? No problem, all you need is a computer, an Internet connection and some direction from your local ARES group.

ELMER TIME (ET) REPORT:

Tonight's Elmer Time Topic, presented by Adam [KC3MFJ], was about IF mixers and other discussion. Due to technical difficulties the originally planned ET regarding building with Printed Circuit Boards has been moved to the next ET.

ET Coordinator Steve [KC3VPJ] is always looking for topics that we can match up with our experienced HAMs to present on.

- August's ET will be presented by Adam [KC3MFJ] on construction on Printed Circuit Boards, part 2;
- September's ET presentation by Terry [WB3BKN] on messaging;
- October's ET by Frank [K3FXA] on Software Defined Radio (SDR)
- November ET by Frank [K3FXA] on CubeSat simulators.

All ET's are subject to change.

WINTER FIELD DAY 2026:

The dates have been tentatively set for Winter Field Day 2026, January 25-26, and will once again be located at Central Penn College. Please let Steve [KC3VPJ] know if you are interested or attending.

ARRL FIELD DAY 2025 REPORT:

- Curt [K3URT] circulated a paper analytics report on Field Day results. Membership suggested the paper be posted to the club website.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS:

- Octoberfest Hamfest will be held on October 25, 2025, at the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 0500L for setup, doors open at 0600L with an end time of 1100L in order to be out of the VVA Bingo Hall by 1200L.

OLD CLUB BUSINESS:

- Some discussion of Field Day and Firecracker Hamfest. Both were considered successes by the participants.

NEW CLUB BUSINESS:

Steve [KC3VPJ] would like to formally establish a committee for ARRL and Winter Field Day's.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn by Steve [KC3VPJ] and seconded by Al [KC3YMK]; approved by the attendees by voice acclamation. The business meeting closed at 1930L.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Curt [K3URT] on behalf of Frank Aponte [K3FXA], Secretary.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING is a document of HRAC, Inc. Therefore, all content is unabridged from the original. Corrections to the Minutes are made at the next club meeting by a membership vote with approval/disapproval.

FCC club station license rule Title 47, Section 97.5: "The club must be composed of at least four persons and must have a name, a document of organization, management, and a primary purpose devoted to amateur service activities consistent with this part." In addition, the document of organization must be kept in the club's records and made available to the FCC upon request.
