

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



**MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2026, MEETING**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

The Wednesday, May 13, 2026, meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1837L by the Vice-President, Chuck [KA1YSR], at the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

11 individuals were present and introduced themselves by name and callsign.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The April 2026 Minutes were opened for comments, questions, and corrections. Motion to Accept the April 2026 Secretary's Report as published to the HRAC / W3UU Website and Newsletter by Tim [W4NKC] and seconded by Curt [K3URT]. The attending membership approved the Meeting Minutes by voice vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Frank [K3FXA] presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2026. Motion to Accept the April 2026 Treasurer's Report by Steve [KC3VPJ] and seconded by Alex [KC3SXJ]. The attending membership approved the Treasurer's Report by voice vote.

**LICENSE TRUSTEE REPORT:**

Dave [KC3MG] not present. No Report.

**EQUIPMENT TRUSTEE REPORT:**

Terry [WB3BKN] not present. No Report.

**LAUREL VE COMMITTEE:**

VE Tim [W4NKC] reported that the next testing date Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 0900L and that individuals must register by 1800L on June 17, 2026. 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.

**REPEATER COMMITTEE:**

Terry [WB3BKN] reported that the work has begun to link the club repeater [W3UU] to another repeater in Northern Dauphin County. The hardware installation is continuing, so more information will follow.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Membership Chair Tim [W4NKC] reported that with more than 50% of our members also being ARRL members, we remain an ARRL Affiliated Club.

**CLUB NEWSLETTER:**

Steve [KC3VPJ] has taken the helm (or would that be station control in our world?) of the latest incarnation of the HRAC Club

Newsletter. If you have news or information to pass along, please let Steve [KC3VPJ] know.

**WEB PAGE COMMITTEE:**

Please send content and ideas to Webmaster Rick [K2RBT]. Please send updates and news items to Rick [K2RBT].

If you would like to volunteer some time as an admin for the club's Facebook page, please contact Terry [WB3BKN]

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS:**

• 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.

• In-Person meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Lower Paxton Township Building, 425 Prince St, Harrisburg.

**ELMER TIME:**

Tonight's Elmer Time topic was Getting Youth Involved in Amateur Radio, presented by Steve [KC3VPJ].

June's Elmer Time will be on Software Defined Radio (SDR) by Frank [K3FXA].

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

**FIELD DAY:**

The next Field Day will be held June 27-28, 2026. Preparations are starting now, so if you would like to volunteer or have any ideas for community outreach, please contact our HRAC Field Day coordinator Steve [KC3VPJ]. Like previous Field Day events, we will be at Central Penn College.

**UPCOMING HAMFESTS:**

The next Hamfest for the club will be the Firecracker Hamfest on Saturday July 4, 2026, with site preparation and set up on Friday July 3, 2026. Please contact Terry [WB3BKN] to volunteer. Note that attendees can buy extra tickets to a better chance in the main prize raffle and are not limited to their entry ticket.

**OLD CLUB BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report.

**NEW CLUB BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:**

• Those in attendance discussed the disconnect we are seeing between people taking and passing their Technician exam and not seeing them involved with amateur radio after that. Discussion to be continued at the June 2026 meeting where we hope to finalise a brochure or questionnaire to help up increase participation of new HAMs.

• Those in attendance also discussed finding local Scouting troops that are interested in the Amateur Radio Merit Badge and how we, as a club, can help those troops meet the requirements to earn that Merit Badge.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve [KC3VPJ] and seconded by Tim [W4NKC]. The business meeting closed at 1907L with approval by all attendees by voice vote.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by 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.*