

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



MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2026, MEETING

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

The Wednesday, August 12, 2026, meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1900L by the President, Terry [WB3BKN], at the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 542, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The July 2026 Minutes were opened for comments, questions, and corrections. Motion to Accept the July 2026 Secretary's Report as published to the HRAC / W3UU Website by George [AC3EA] and seconded by Steve [KC3VPJ]. The attending membership approved the Meeting Minutes by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank [K3FXA] presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2026. Motion to Accept the July 2026 Treasurer's Report by Chuck [KA1YSR] and seconded by Paul [KA3SGY]. 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] had nothing new to report.

LAUREL VE COMMITTEE:

VE Tim [W4NKC] reported that the next testing date Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 0900L and that individuals must register by 1800L on Wednesday August 12, 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 you may have heard our repeater talking more than it used to. Our controller with more than a few nice features has been installed. We are hoping to get it to talk about the weather soon.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Membership Chair Tim [W4NKC] reported that we have 59 members. With more than 50% of our members also being ARRL members, we remain an ARRL Affiliated Club.

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 about building a Yagi Antenna for communicating with satellites. Steve [KC3VPJ] did a great job walking us through the building process, how he tested it, and some of the things that he is trying to work through in getting a satellite.

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

CLUB NEWSLETTER:

Steve [KC3VPJ] is leading the charge for the newest incarnation of the HRAC Monthly Newsletter, so if you have information to add to the newsletter or have ideas for things that you would like to see in it, please contact Steve.

FIELD DAY:

The next Field Day will be Winter Field Day and it will be held on January 23 and 24, 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].

UPCOMING HAMFESTS:

The next Hamfests for the club will be the Oktoberfest Hamfest on October 24, 2026 and the Winterfest Hamfest on January 9, 2027. 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:

Those in attendance discussed getting a replacement field laptop to upgrade from our oldest of the two the club has. The members in attendance voted unanimously to purchase the same Panasonic Toughbook that we previously purchased.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

Terry [WB3BKN] reminded those in attendance that HRAC is celebrating our 80th anniversary. Think about what type of event or events would could put on to celebrate with the public and other Amateur Radio clubs.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve [KC3VPJ] and seconded by Joe [K3SZH]. The business meeting closed at 1949L with approval by all attendees by voice vote.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Frank Aponte [K3FXA], Secretary.

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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.