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Club Repeaters: 145.31 MHz; input
144.71 MHz PL 131.8 (2 meters)
444.75 MHz, input 449.75 MHz PL
103.5 (70 cm)

Meetings: The club meets at 7:30
PM on the last Thursday
of the Month

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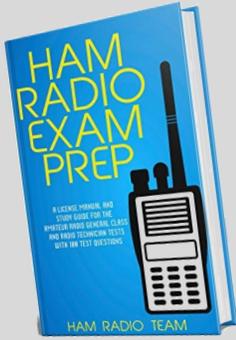
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Send to rfhillarc@yahoo.com



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VE TESTING



VE testing for Technician, General and Extra Class licenses is held regularly at the Indian Valley Public Library in Telford:

100 E Church Ave.
Telford, PA 18969



The next exam will be
September 16, 2019

Session starts at 6:30 pm sharp

Bring license or CSCE originals and copies if upgrading, 2 forms of ID (one photo) for new licenses.

To pre-register or for more information Contact Jim Soete, WA3YLQ
215-723-7294 eves./weekends.
wa3ylq@arrl.net

The fee is \$15.00

Pre-registration is appreciated.

VE's are always welcome to help with testing.



Traffic Nets

SEPPTN traffic nets are on Sundays & Wednesdays at 8:00 PM local time at 145.310 MHz (-600). These nets are for anyone who would like to learn how to handle traffic as well as an on the air meeting place for members and future members.

RF Hill A-R-C Ten Meter AM Net: 29.005MHz on Sunday evening immediately following the SEPPTN

Net Control Stations

7/28/19 W3WTT	7/31/19 W3WTT
8/4/19 KS3Z	8/7/19 KS3Z
8/11/19 KB3DEN	8/14/19 KB3DEN
8/18/19 WA3YLQ	8/21/19 WA3YLQ
8/25/19 W3WTT	8/28/19 W3WTT
9/1/19 KS3Z	9/4/19 KS3Z
9/8/19 KB3DEN	9/11/19 KB3DEN
9/15/19 WA3YLQ	9/18/19 WA3YLQ
9/22/19 W3WTT	9/25/19 W3WTT
9/29/19 KS3Z	10/2/19 KS3Z

Any questions or conflicts, please let me know. If at the last minute, the assigned net control station doesn't show-up, any net control station on frequency should run the net.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.
Jim – KB3DEN KB3DEN@aol.com

AREA NET LISTINGS

SEPPTN Southeastern PA Practice & Traffic Net	Su/W	8 PM	145.31-
EPAEPTN - EPA Emergency Phone/Traffic Net	Daily	6 PM	3.917 +/-
Pennsylvania Traffic Net (CW)	Daily	7,10 PM	3.585
Third Region Net	Daily	4 PM	7.243 (3.917 -alt)
Eastern Area Net (EAN)	Daily	2:30 PM	7.243
Bucks County ARES	W	9 PM	147.090+
Montgomery County ARES	Th	7 PM	146.835- (pl 88.5)
EPA echo link traffic net (EAETN) Echolink AA3RG-R	Th	8 PM	146.640- (pl 82.5)



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RF Hill Picnic

Our annual RF Hill Club Picnic will be held on August 29th, our regular meeting night. The location is the pavilion at Menlo Park, Perkasie (same location as previous years).

Start time is 6:30 PM, rain or shine (except in severe wx). Joan, KC3DOK, is organizing the buffet. Members are asked to bring a side dish, salad or desert to share. The Club will provide the chicken, hotdogs and beverages. If possible, post what you are bringing to the reflector. Family and friends are invited! See you at the Picnic!

RF Hill Hamfest

Our annual Hamfest will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20th at the Sellersville Fire House property. The posted public hours are 7AM to 1PM, however, vendors may set up at 0600 hours. We will need an early AM crew to arrive at 0530 hours to guide cars to parking and sell tickets.

The Fire house doors open at 6 o'clock and the shuttle bus to the "old Gage" parking lot begins running at 6:30. The most labor intense time for this event is from 0600 to 0930 hrs. After clean up we are usually out of there by 2:30PM.

Check your calendars and see when you can help out. This is our big fundraising event for the Club. An all hands effort is appreciated. More info and procedures will be discussed at September meeting and in Mhz Times. 73...Jim Soete, WA3YLQ

July VE Testing

Two ARO's from the local area appeared for testing. One earned a new Technician License, and David Lennon, KC3NQB, upgrade to General. David had been a ham in the '70's, but left the hobby due to extensive travel commitments. He took his Tech in June. Congratulations to both!

Thanks to the following VE's for assisting: KS3Z, N3CRP and KW3P.



RF Hill ARC Meeting Minutes

Date 7/25/2019

NOTE: This Evening was Mobile Night. Members assembled in the parking lot to show off their mobile and portable set ups. Some tailgating also occurred. Twelve operators displayed and many others took in the sights. At 8:15 PM members moved inside for the regular business meeting

Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag – Jeff Lapin, KC3HHK, President
Roll Call Twenty six ARO's and one guest were present.

Officer Reports

President Jeff, KC3HHK thanked all who participated in Mobile Night. Jeff reported that we had received word of the passing of Joe Kabala, KB3BFK, on July 7, 3019. Joe was a long time member of RF Hill, and a frequent contributor to the reflector. Per the Obituary, the Board will consider making a donation to Grand View Hospice in his memory.

Vice President Ross, KB3HRP, was present. Wa3ylq reported that programs have been lined up for Sept and Oct, titles TBA. Wa3YLQ in Sept and N2VUZ in Oct. The annual RF Hill Picnic will be held Thursday, Aug. 29th, our regular meeting night. Location is the pavilion at Menlo Park. Perkasie. Start time is 6:30 PM. Details will be posted on the reflector and in the August MHz Times.

Secretary June Minutes were published in MHz Times. A motion was made by KS3Z to accept minutes as published; seconded by K3UCI. Motion carried. A first reading of the application of Gene Oliva, W2BXR, was presented. Gene participated in the RF Hill Field Day operations and is acquainted with many Club members. Gene was first licensed in 1958. Gene operates HF from Perkasie and also has a portable set up. Second reading will be at August meeting.

Treasurer Lloyd, W3LMR, reported that bills have been paid and that the books are in order. Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by N2vuz, seconded by N3EOE. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

VE Report appeared in MHz Times.

Repeater No report.

Hamfest Plans are ongoing.

Auction No report

Field Day No report.

Public Events

MHz Times

Net Reports

WA3NFV reported that enthusiastic participation continues for the local ten meter nets, including the RF Hill Sunday night AM net, and the North Penn ARC Tuesday evening SSB net. Many members participate in this net.

Old Business None

New Business None

Adjournment An informal voice vote signaled adjournment. "Mobile Night Cake" was enjoyed by all!

Respectfully Submitted:

Jim Soete, WA3YLQ, Secretary
RF Hill ARC

July Meeting Mobile Night



SEPTEMBER CONTESTS

Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 1 to 0300Z, Sep 2	ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Sep 21 to 2359Z, Sep 22
MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	2300Z, Sep 2 to 0300Z, Sep 3	Collegiate QSO Party	0000Z, Sep 21 to 2359Z, Sep 22
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 3	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 21 to 2400 local,
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 4	Sep 22	
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 4 and	SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest	1000Z, Sep 21 to 1000Z, Sep 22
	1900Z-2000Z, Sep 4 and	Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 21 to 1200Z, Sep 22
	0300Z-0400Z, Sep 5	All Africa International DX Contest	1200Z, Sep 22 to 1200Z, Sep 22
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Sep 4	SRT HF Contest SSB	1300Z, Sep 21 to 1300Z, Sep 22
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Sep 5 (CW) and	Iowa QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 21 to 0200Z, Sep 22
	1800Z-1900Z, Sep 5 (SSB) and	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Sep 21 (144) and
	1900Z-2000Z, Sep 5 (FM) and		1700Z-1800Z, Sep 21 (432)
	2000Z-2100Z, Sep 5 (Dig)	QRP Afield	1500Z-2100Z, Sep 21
SKCC Sprint Europe	1900Z-2100Z, Sep 5	New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 21 to 0359Z, Sep 22
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 6	Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 21 to 0700Z, Sep 22
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 6	and	
CWops CW Open	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 7	New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z-2400Z, Sep 22
Russian RTTY WW Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 7	and	1600Z, Sep 21 to 0400Z, Sep 22
All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 7 to 2400Z, Sep 8		
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Sep 7 and	Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-2200Z, Sep 22
	0630Z-0659Z, Sep 7 and	Classic Exchange, Phone	1800Z-1959Z, Sep 21
	0700Z-0729Z, Sep 7 and	and	1300Z, Sep 22 to 0700Z, Sep 23
	0730Z-0800Z, Sep 7		
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Sep 7 to 2400Z, Sep 8	144 MHz Fall Sprint	1300Z, Sep 24 to 0700Z, Sep 25
Nebraska QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 7 to 0100Z, Sep 8	SKCC Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 23
IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB	1300Z, Sep 7 to 1259Z, Sep 8	Phone Fray	0000Z-0200Z, Sep 25
RSGB SSB Field Day	1300Z, Sep 7 to 1300Z, Sep 8	CWops Mini-CWT Test	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 25
Ohio State Parks on the Air	1400Z-2200Z, Sep 7		1300Z-1400Z, Sep 25 and
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Sep 7		1900Z-2000Z, Sep 25 and
PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint	2000Z, Sep 7 to 2000Z, Sep 8	UKEICC 80m Contest	0300Z-0400Z, Sep 26
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 8	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data	2000Z-2100Z, Sep 25
WAB 144 MHz QRO Phone	1000Z-1400Z, Sep 8	NCCC RTTY Sprint	1900Z-2030Z, Sep 26
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint	1300Z-1900Z, Sep 8	NCCC Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 27
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Sep 9	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 27
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Sep 9	Maine QSO Party	0000Z, Sep 28 to 2400Z, Sep 29
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 11	QCX Challenge	1200Z, Sep 28 to 1200Z, Sep 29
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 11 and		1300Z-1400Z, Sep 30 and
	1900Z-2000Z, Sep 11 and		1900Z-2000Z, Sep 30 and
	0300Z-0400Z, Sep 12		0300Z-0400Z, Oct 1
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 13		
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 13		
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 14 to 2359Z, Sep 15	Calendar content © Bruce Horn, WA7BNM 1998-2019	
FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 14	Used by permission.	
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Sep 14 to 1000Z, Sep 15	www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html	
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 14 to 0200Z, Sep 15		
and			
	1400Z-2000Z, Sep 15		
Russian Cup Digital Contest	1500Z-1859Z, Sep 14 and		
	0600Z-0959Z, Sep 15		
Alabama QSO Party	1500Z, Sep 14 to 0300Z, Sep 15		
ARRL September VHF Contest	1800Z, Sep 14 to 0300Z, Sep 16		
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 15		
Classic Exchange, CW	1300Z, Sep 15 to 0700Z, Sep 16		
and			
	1300Z, Sep 17 to 0700Z, Sep 18		
BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2059Z, Sep 15		
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 16		
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 18		
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 18 and		
	1900Z-2000Z, Sep 18 and		
	0300Z-0400Z, Sep 19		
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Sep 18		
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Sep 19		
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 20		
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 20		
AGB NEMIGA Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Sep 20		

OCTOBER CONTESTS

10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 1
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-0959Z, Oct 1
220 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 1
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 2
SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 3
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 5 to 0800Z, Oct 6
YLRL DX/NA YL Contest	1400Z, Oct 5 to 0200Z, Oct 7
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 5 to 2159Z, Oct 6
FISTS Fall Slow Speed Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 5
SKCC QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 5 to 1800Z, Oct 6
Peanut Power QRP Sprint	2200Z-2359Z, Oct 6
432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 9
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 12 to 1559Z, Oct 13
QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Oct 12
Nevada QSO Party	0300Z, Oct 12 to 2100Z, Oct 13
Microwave Fall Sprint	0800 local - 1400 local, Oct 12
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 12 to 0800Z, Oct 13
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 12 to 1200Z, Oct 13
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 2200Z, Oct 13
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 2359Z, Oct 13
FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 12
South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 12 to 1800Z, Oct 13
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 16
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 20
Araucaria World Wide VHF Contest	0000Z, Oct 19 to 1600Z, Oct 20
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 20
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 19 to 1459Z, Oct 20
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 20
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21
RSGB RoLo CW	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 20
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 25
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2400Z, Oct 27
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 30

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