



# MEGAHERTZ TIMES



August 2020

W3AI

PO Box 336, Perkasio, PA 18944

## R F Hill Amateur Radio Club 2020

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### CLUB INFORMATION

**Mailing address:**  
PO Box 336, Perkasio, PA 18944

**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 normally meets  
at 7:30 PM on the last  
Thursday of the Month

**Web page:** <http://www.rfhillarc.club>

**Email:** rfhillarc@yahoo.com

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**DEADLINE** for article submission is 10 days before the meeting!  
Send to rfhillarc@yahoo.com

**The August Club meeting will be held Thursday, August 27th, at 7:30 PM via Zoom.**

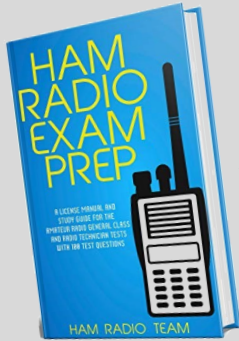
**Dan, WA3NFV, will be our Moderator and Presenter. Invitations have been sent via the IO reflector. Dan will present on his aero-mobile and portable operating activities. See you on Zoom!**

**Due to the Covid-19 threat, Peter Becker, as well as most senior living facilities, have closed their campuses to visitors. The administrator at PBC will let us know when that changes.**

**Stay safe and best 73,  
Jim Soete, WA3YLQ, Secretary  
RF Hill ARC, VE Team Liaison**



# 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

*Due to various factors related  
to Covid-19 the board has can-  
celled all in-person VE Testing  
for 2020. If other options be-  
come available they will be an-  
nounced at meetings or on the  
reflector.*



## 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

08/23,08/26 W3WTT	11/01,11/04 KB3DEN
08/30,09/02 KS3Z	11/08,11/11 WA3YLQ
09/06,09/09 KB3DEN	11/15,11/18 W3WTT
09/13,09/16 WA3YLQ	11/22,11/25 KS3Z
09/20,09/23 W3WTT	11/29,12/02 KB3DEN
09/27,09/30 KS3Z	12/06,12/09 WA3YLQ
10/04,10/07 KB3DEN	12/13,12/16 W3WTT
10/11,10/14 WA3YLQ	12/20,12/23 KS3Z
10/18,10/21 W3WTT	12/27,12/30 WA3YLQ
10/25,10/28 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](mailto:KB3DEN@aol.com)

## AREA NET LISTINGS

SEPPTN Southeastern PA Practice & Traffic Net	Su/W	8 PM	145.31-
EPAETN - 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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## Stump the Experts Coming Soon!

In September we will have a panel discussion featuring three of our most knowledgeable members. They are KS3Z, WA3NFV and N2VUZ. They will be available to answer ALL your Ham Radio related questions. Subject areas may include operating, antennas, computers, the internet and, the moderator might even answer a CW question or two.

NOTE: This is not intended as a TEST of their knowledge. Our intention is to help less experienced Club members with questions they may have as they pursue various ham radio related projects.

This program is dependent upon member participation. If you have a question you would like answered, email it to....

[StumpUs@thehamshck.tech](mailto:StumpUs@thehamshck.tech)

I see plenty of great discussion questions appear on the reflector. Submit a few to this e-mail and I am sure we will be able to generate some lively discussion. If I only receive one or two questions, it will be a short program! 73, Jim, WA3YLQ

## Upcoming Programs via Zoom

Several members have stepped up and offered to do programs at our monthly Zoom meetings. The presentations for the next three months are:

- ♦ Stump the Experts in September
- ♦ Joe, WS2K will offer an updated presentation on indoor antennas in October.

Some other suggestions include a Zoom Flee Market/ mini-Hamfest and a Christmas Shack Tour. Doing a Zoom presentation should not be too difficult. All you must do is put together a slide show and TALK! I know we have some qualified talkers in the group. You could also demonstrate a piece of gear on your shack bench.

Contact any officer if you have an idea or suggestion.

# RF Hill ARC Meeting Minutes

**Date** 07/29/2020

(Note: Pres. KC3HHK and V-Pres. KB3EWV, were not in attendance. Secretary, WA3YLQ presided over the meeting.)

**Welcome/Call to Order** – Jim, WA3YLQ, Secretary

Roll Call Twenty- five ARO's and one XYL were in attendance.

Officer Reports:

**President** None

**Vice President** WA3YLQ offered a report on upcoming Club Meeting Programs. These include: August-Aero Mobile and Portable Opp's by Dan, WA3NFV. September-Stump the Experts. October-WS2K will present an updated program on operations with in-door antennas. Jim explained the Stump the Experts would be fueled by questions submitted to the Stump Us e-mail. The e-mail address to submit questions is..... [StumpUs@thehamshack.tech](mailto:StumpUs@thehamshack.tech) More info to follow.

**Secretary** Two second readings of new member applications were performed. A motion to accept the application of Al Moore, W3GD, was made by W3SEN. Seconded by WS2K. Motion carried.

Welcome Al to our membership. A motion to accept the application of Mike Hoppes, W3MWH, was made by KS3Z, seconded by W3TFF. Motion carried. Mike becomes our newest member!

**Treasurer** Jim, KC3LXV, reported on the club's financial status. Our largest expenses for the year have been paid, and dues payments continue to be received as members catch up with 2020 dues obligations. We have not yet received a refund of the Hamfest Fee and deposit from the Fire Company. A motion to Accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by KS3Z, seconded by KW3P. Motion carried. Thankyou Jim for the report.

## **Committee Reports**

**VE** WA3YLQ reported that VE testing has been suspended for the rest of 2020. The Board does not want to jeopardize the welfare of our VE's, nor incur any liability. The plan is to look at the Pandemic situation in late fall and prepare a testing schedule for 2021.

**Repeater** KS3Z reported that the 2- meter repeater continues operation on the back-up power supply. K3UCI is repairing the main unit.

**SEPPATN** (KB3DEN absent) KS3Z reported that activity continues. He would like to see more stations handle and deliver traffic. Charles also asked that NCS operators who can not make their appointed schedule times should post such conflicts so other operators can make arrangements to fill in.

**Old Business** Presentation and approval of 2020 Club Budget. The Budget was posted on the reflector prior to tonight's meeting. The Budget Committee (KC3LXV, N3EOE and WA3YLQ) began work on the Budget in late April. The Board accepted the Budget and now the membership must approve it. WA3YLQ reviewed certain features of this "bare bones" budget. The fact that there will not be a Hamfest in October causes concern. Jim made special mention of Charles and Brian (N3EXA) and their work on developing an RF link for the control of the 2-meter machine. This link eliminates the need for the Verizon phone line, a savings of almost five hundred dollars per year (equivalent to the dues paid by nine-teen members). A motion to accept the Budget was made by KW3P, seconded by K3UCI. The motion was carried.

**New Business** NONE

**Adjournment** A motion to adjourn was made by NI2Q, seconded by W3SEN. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

**Program:** There was no formal program for this evening. Meeting Zoom moderator, Dan, WA3NFV, called the roll and members were able to make informal comments. Casual rag chewing followed.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Jim Soete, WA3YLQ, Secretary  
RF Hill ARC