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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>

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Send to rfhillarc@yahoo.com

The September Club meeting will be held Thursday the 24th, at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

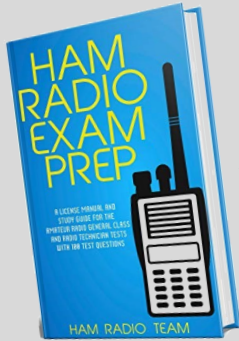
Dan, WA3NFV, will be our Moderator. Invitations have been sent via the IO reflector. The program will be Stump the Experts. Details inside. See you on Zoom!

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 cancelled all in-person VE Testing for 2020. If other options become available they will be announced at meetings or on the reflector. Online options are available: <https://blog.hamstudy.org/2020/04/fully-remote-amateur-radio-license-exam-administration/>.



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

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!

The September program is 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. Jim WA3YLQ will serve as the moderator and might even answer a CW question or two.

NOTE: This is not intended as a TEST of their knowledge. Our intent 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

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:

- ♦ 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.

Antenna Day and '07, 10 Field Days



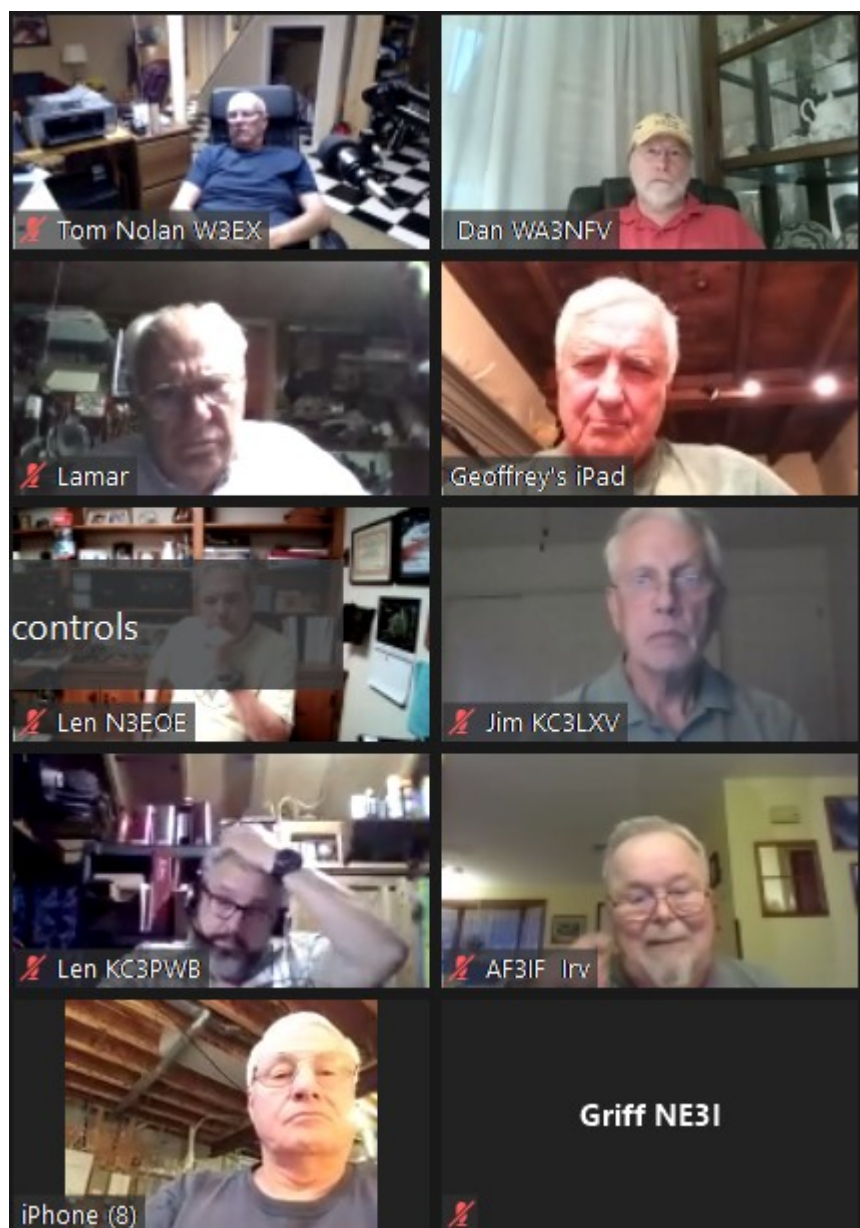
Thanks to Jim WA3YLQ, pictured to the right with two of his grandkids when they were younger, for these photos!



August Meeting Zooming Part 1



August Meeting Zooming Part 2



Thanks to Joe N3CRP for the screen shot. Remember to smile at all times with guys that take screen shots around!

RF Hill ARC Meeting Minutes

Date August 27, 2020

NOTE: KC3HHK and KB3EWV were absent. Jim, WA3YLQ, Club Secretary presided over this meeting.

Welcome/Call to Order – WA3YLQ

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

Officer Reports:

President No Report

Vice President WA3YLQ reported on upcoming meeting programs. September will be "Stump the Experts". This program will offer answers to questions members may have concerning their ham radio activities and/or technical projects. Questions may be submitted by e-mail to

stumpus@thehamshack.tech Members may also bring questions to the meeting.

The October program will be presented by Joe, WS2K. Joe will offer an updated presentation on operations with indoor antennas.

Jim encouraged members to consider creating their own programs for Club Zoom meetings. All you need is a slide show and speaking ability!

Secretary the July Club meeting minutes were published in MHz Times. A correction has been made to WA3NFV's call sign which was printed incorrectly. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by KW3P, seconded by NI2Q. Motion carried.

A first reading of the membership application of Len Schmidt, KC3PWB was offered. Len is a Technician Class licensee and is a resident of Lansdale. Len found the Club on Google and has participated on the SEPPATN nets and other repeater activities. A second reading will be offered at the September meeting.

Treasurer Jim, KC3LXV, reported that all bills are up to date and membership renewal dues continue to come in. Jim also reported that several donations to the Club have also been made. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by WS2K, seconded by KC3HEQ. Motion carried. Thanks, Jim, for the report.

Committee Reports

Ve NO REPORT

Repeater KS3Z reported that repair work continues on the main power supply. Repeater is functioning fine on back up unit.

MHz Times Bill, W3WTT, reported that he is always looking for material for our newsletter. He thanked NE3I and KC3HEQ for their recent submissions. He also mentioned that photos are always welcome, either from past or present member activities.

NET Reports KB3DEN submitted the July SEPPATN Report. There were 105 check-ins during the month and 11 pcs of traffic were handled. Jim reported that activity seems a little lighter during August.

WA3NFV reported that the RF Hill 10 Meter AM Net continues with much enthusiasm. The Net meets Sunday evenings after the SEPPATN 2-meter NET at approximately 8:30 PM. Several members have stepped up as NCS operators.

Old Business NONE

New Business None

Adjournment Following a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Program: Dan, WA3NFV, presented an interesting program on his aero mobile 2-meter and 10-meter operations, and aircraft operations in general. Thanks Dan!

Respectfully Submitted:

Jim Soete, WA3YLQ, Secretary

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