



MEGAHERTZ TIMES



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PO Box 336, Perkasio, PA 18944

RF Hill

Amateur Radio Club 2021 (2022 Elections Pending)

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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 bill@tribley.org

The January Club meeting will be held Thursday the 27th at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

2022 Officer Election!
Invitations will be sent out via the IO reflector. See you on Zoom!

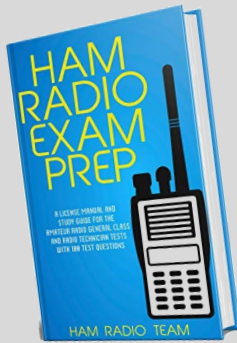
2022 Club Dues are now way past due!
Forms were attached to the same email as this edition of the MHz Times. Paid-up dues required to vote for officers.

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, Past Secretary



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VE TESTING



VE testing for Technician, General and Extra Class licenses is held at 6:00PM at the Indian Valley Public Library in Telford:

100 E Church Ave.
Telford, PA 18969

Scheduled VE Exam Sessions
• *March 28, 2022*

Direct questions to Kevin KW3P at kw3p@arrl.net or by cell phone at 215-378-6978.



Highlighted 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

RF Hill CW Squad Net: Operates on 28.370.600 CW at approx. 7pm Tuesday stopping before the NPARC net at 8pm. This is a non formal CWs - slow speed - net for beginners and ranges in speed from 5-15 wpm.

Net Control Stations

01/23 KS3Z
01/26 W3WTT
01/30 KS3Z
02/02 W3WTT
02/06, 02/09 KB3DEN
02/13, 02/16 WA3YLQ
02/20 KS3Z
02/23 W3WTT
02/27 KS3Z
03/02 W3WTT
03/06, 03/09 KB3DEN
03/13, 03/16 WA3YLQ
03/20 KS3Z
03/23 W3WTT
03/27 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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President's Message

I've asked Bill to republish some of my Message from October with updates.

Volunteerism (vol-un-teen·ism). Yes, there really does seem to be such a word or at least there is no shortage of topics meeting the definition when searching the word on the internet. Volunteerism is something we're going to especially need from our members, next year. We may have all thought that by the end of the year, this year certainly things would be back to normal, and now we realize that, that will not be the case. We aren't alone, as I see activities within other organizations being canceled or postponed (mostly canceled).

If we are to resume with normal activities the members of the RF Hill ARC will need to step up and volunteer for all sorts activities. Here is a partial list starting with what maybe the most important and earliest of the committee appointments on the 2022 calendar, that being the Hamfest Chairman, (John, KB3EWV has stepped up for this position) and not necessarily in order, the Field Day Chairman, Auction Chairman, Picnic Chairman. Each of these needs an assistant, too and we need someone to bring the coleslaw to the picnic.

We managed to find individuals to act on the Nominating Committee, Audit Committee and Budget Committee, but it is some familiar names and thankful we are to those folks.

I've made a resolution to do some writing for the "MHz Times", but don't allow me to be the only one. This year we will need some heavy lifting, both literally and figuratively as we will be lugging equipment from one repeater site, to another, assuming all the deals get consummated.

Please do what you can to help. Dan WA3NFV

Current 2022 Officer Nominees

As of January 25, 2022:

President: John Morrell KB3EWV

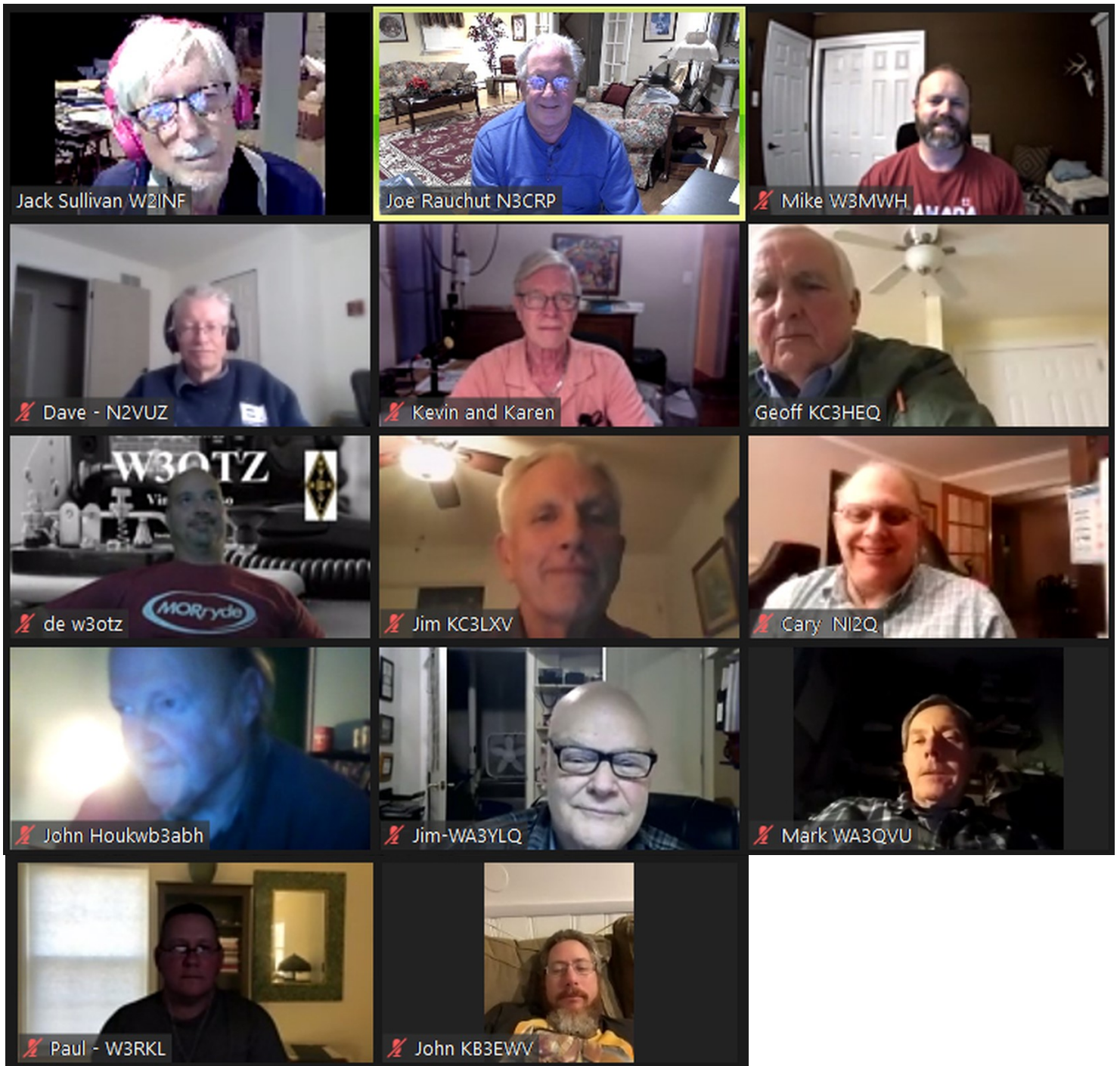
Vice President: None

Secretary: John Stewart WA3JRS

Treasurer: None

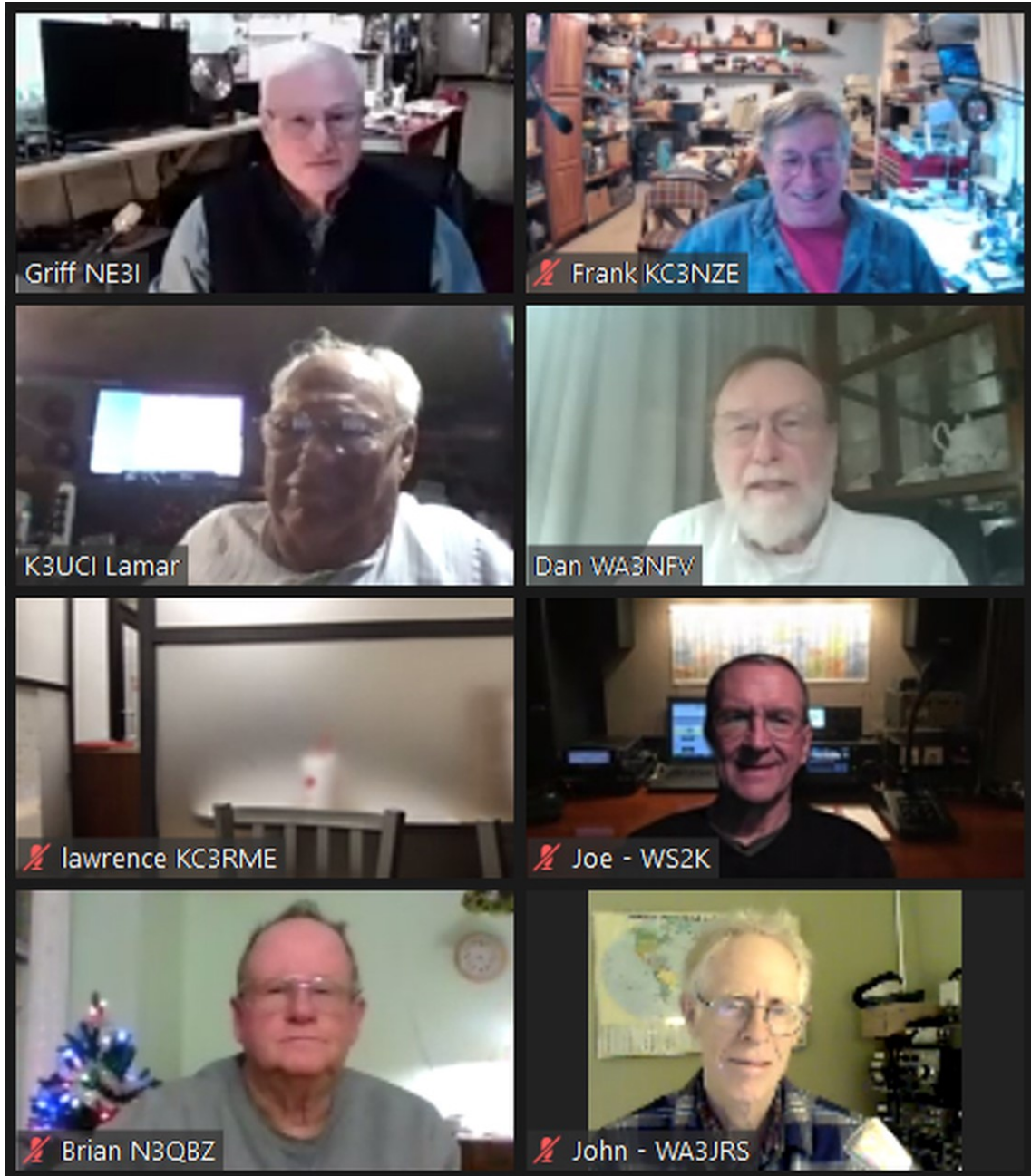
Only half the positions are filled and none are contested. I put this on the same page as the President's Message as a not-so-subtle illustration. Nominations are taken up to the vote on Thursday's meeting and may be submitted to Len N3EOE, John WA3JRS or Jim KC3LXV.

December 30 Meeting Zooming 1/3



Original Zoom screen shot on this and the next page courtesy Joe N3CRP

Meeting Screen Shots 2/2



RF Hill ARC Dec. 30 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:32PM
By Dan WA3NFV

Attendees were:

Dan WA3NFV
Geoff KC3HEQ
Brian N3QBZ
John WA3JRS
Dave N2VUZ
Jack W2INF
Joe N3CRP

Jim KC3LXV
Griff NE3I
Frank KC3NZE
Kevin KW3P
Charles KS3Z
Lamar K3UCI
Joe WS2K

Vincent W3OTZ
Mark WA3QVU
Paul W3RKL
Cary NI2Q
Lawrence K3RME
John WB3ABH

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Charles KS3Z first motion to accept, Cary NI2Q second. Vote passed.

Treasurer Report: Given by Jim KC3LXV. A motion to accept the report was made by Griff NE3I, and a second was offered by Joe WS2K. The vote passed.

Membership: An applicants first reading was accomplished for Brian N3QBZ.

-Old Business: Repeater Operation: Charles KS3Z reports that both repeaters are operational. The Perkasio Water Board continues to ask us to remove the Water Tank 2 meter repeater antenna. Other relocation opportunities are being investigated at 1. the County Antenna tower, on Tower Road, Sellersville, 2. and the large hangar on the south side of Perkasio Airport. The antenna to be relocated is 18 feet long.

Technical Committee: Nothing to report.

Message Traffic Report: Charles KS3Z made a report of message traffic for Jim KB3DEN

CW Squad: Griff NE3I reports good activity.

AM Net: John WA3JRS reports good activity.

VE Testing: Kevin KW3P reports that testing will take place on the last Monday of every other month, starting in January. Sessions are also scheduled with ARRL.

Website Operations: Dave N2VUZ reports operations are normal.

Reflector Report: Negative report.

Technical Committee: No report.

Nominating Committee: Officer position nominations were discussed. Club members are reminded that they can self nominate for any open position in the club.

Budget Committee: Jim KC3LXV reports that a rough budget has been completed. A final budget will be presented in March. Jim WA3YLQ again suggested that the budget should have a stand alone budget fund to which members would make donations for the benefit of repeater operations.

Ham Fest Preparations- John KB3EWW reports that preparations are underway.

A motion to end the meeting was made by Kevin KW3P and seconded by Paul WW3RKL at 8:27 PM. The next meeting will be the last Thursday of January.

Respectfully submitted
Geoff KC3HEQ
RF Hill Club Secretary