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RF Hill Amateur Radio Club 2022

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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 April Club meeting will be held
Thursday the 28th at 7:30 PM via
Zoom.**

**Invitations will be sent out via the
IO reflector. See you on Zoom!**

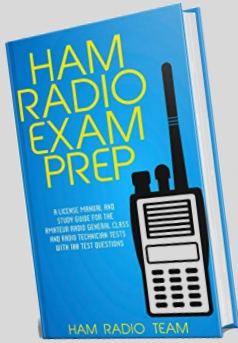
Mystery program: No details received at the time this issue was being put together. So there's some extra motivation to show up on Zoom and see what's cooking!

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

- *May 16*
- *July 18*
- *September 19*
- *November 21*
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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

04/24 KS3Z
04/27 W3WTT
05/01, 05/04 KB3DEN
05/08, 05/11 WA3YLQ
05/15 KS3Z
05/18 W3WTT
05/22 KS3Z
05/25 W3WTT
05/29, 06/01 KB3DEN
06/05, 06/08 WA3YLQ
06/12 KS3Z
06/15 W3WTT
06/19 KS3Z
06/22 W3WTT
06/26, 06/29 KB3DEN

07/03, 07/06 WA3YLQ

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	5 PM	3.918 +/-
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 SEPPATN Report

For March 2022:

QNI = 92

QTC = 4

In 9 Sessions

That's a little over 10 Check-in's per session!

Jim KB3DEN

Field Ops 10 April 2022

6 Meter QSOs with N3QBC and WA3JRS

10 Meter Qs with W3RKL, K3WW, WA3NFV and WA3JRS

Eyeball Qs with Lloyd, Dan, Charles and Gene

2 Meter Simplex with WA3NFV, KS3Z and W3RKL

10 Meter AM Walkie Talkie Q with WA3NFV

Coffee Can Antenna Wind Failure. (Need to solder the Cans together)

Felt like a Mailman battling wind, sleet, rain snow and cold.

Fun expedition none the less.

Hope that I did not miss anyone.

73. Griff NE3I

Field Ops—Vincent W3OTZ 24 April



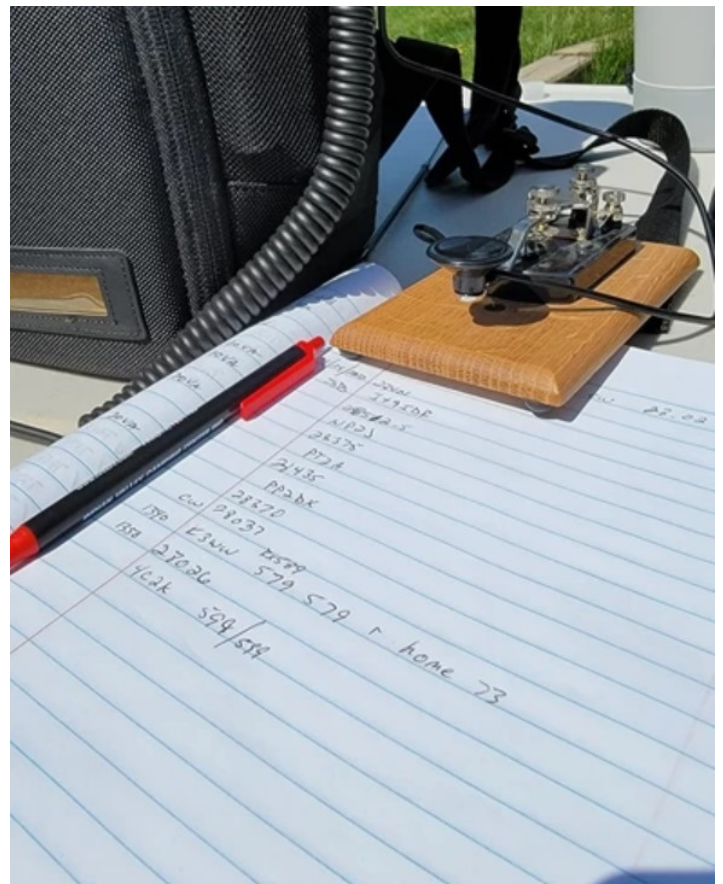
Rig: IC705
Pwr: 10W
Ant: 10M EFHW (homemade)

Contacts:

K3WW = 579 28037

4C2K = 599 28026

Pictures of setup in yard.



RF Hill ARC March 31 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

KB3EVW	NI2Q	KC3LXV
KW3P	W3GD	N3EOE
K3KSE	K3WW	WB3ABH
N3QBZ	W3WTT	KC3QDL
W3EX	K3KKI	WA3YLQ
N2VUZ	W3RKL	N3CRP
K3UCI	WS2K	N3IJQ
KS3Z	KC3NZE	WA3NFV
K2EUI *	N3QQT	NE3I
KC3QDL	NQ3T	WA3JRS

*Barry Feierman K3EUI was on the meeting call to give the talk on the nanoVNA.

The Zoom meeting started around 7:30 PM by John KB3EWW. (Thanks to Tom W3EX for hosting the Zoom session)

Treasurer's Report was given by Charles KS3Z. All accounts in good standing.

Reactivated David Gross, N3IJQ

David Potter KC3QQM - Removed himself from reflector, I believe he did not pay dues for renewal, so he should be removed from membership.

Motion to approve the report by KW3P, 2nd by WB3ABH; Approved by majority vote.

Secretary's Report – given by John WA3JRS

Louise Maisenhalter, wife of Ron WD3Y (SK) contacted the Club via the web site, requesting we assist in disposing of her late husband's ham equipment. NI2Q and WA3JRS visited her and collected the gear, with the intention of putting it up for auction within the club. We may reach out to other clubs or organizations if necessary. The station consists mainly of a Kenwood TS-520S radio and matching remote VFO and speaker, all in cosmetically good condition.

A second reading for Brian Taylor N3EXA was read and he was approved by majority vote. John WA3JRS will email Brian to remind him to submit his Club dues. Welcome Brian!

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March 31 Meeting Minutes Continued

Program Committee Report given by Cary NI2Q

Tonight's program on the basics of the nanoVNA will be given by Barry Feierman K3EUI.

Cary has contacted NASA and the plan is to have one of the astronauts give a presentation at the April or May (2022) Club meeting on the topic of International Space Station (ISS) communications. Exact date not yet determined.

VE Committee Report given by Kevin KW3P

No new people have signed up for the next session, scheduled for the last Monday in March.

Repeater Report given by Charles KS3Z (via pre-meeting email)

Still looking into new sites for the 145.31 repeater.

*With the problems we have had with **UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS**, keep any conversations about the repeaters on email or phone conversations, **DO NOT** discuss specifics on where the repeater is, or may be relocating to over the air, as we are on may be on private property or "critical infrastructure", **ACCESS IS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED PERSONS ONLY.***

"Loose lips sink ships!"

Motion to accept: Cary and 2nd by Charles

Web Site report given by Dave N2VUZ

Nothing new to report.

Newsletter Report – Bill W3WTT

No new updates.

Field Day/Hamfest and other updates – John KB3EWW

The Board has decided to proceed with Field Day for 2022. Markey Park with tentative dates of June 24/25.

Hamfest location will be Upper Bucks Community College. The Board will be looking for volunteers for Friday afternoon setup and Sunday afternoon breakdown.

No club meetings scheduled at Peter Becker; meetings will continue to be held via Zoom.

The Auction will be held later in the year at an outdoor location.

The Club Picnic will most likely be held in August.

Membership Report given by John WA3JRS

With David Potter removed from the membership list per Charles' recommendation (see Treasurer's Report above), the Club has 64 current members.

Adjournment

With no further new or old business John asked for a motion to adjourn; motion made by KS3Z and 2nd by N3EOE; motion approved by majority vote and the meeting was adjourned around 8:30. The nanoVNA presentation followed.

Minutes submitted by John Stewart WA3JRS, Secretary