



# MEGAHERTZ TIMES



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W3AI

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## RF Hill Amateur Radio Club 2023

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### CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address:

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

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

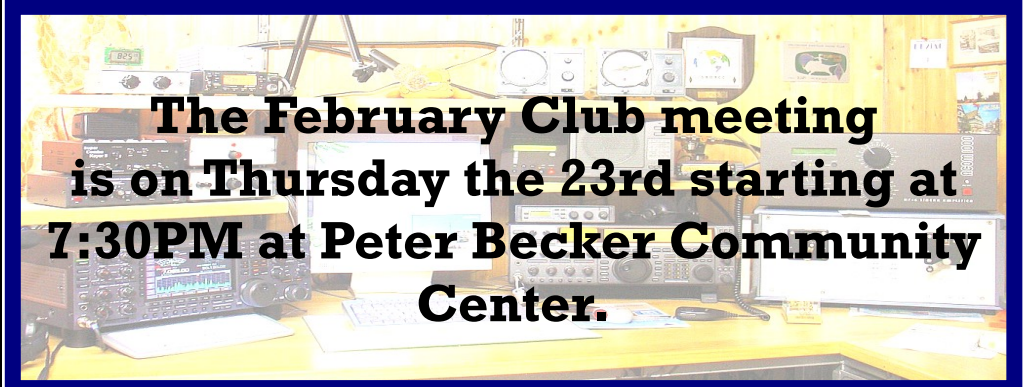
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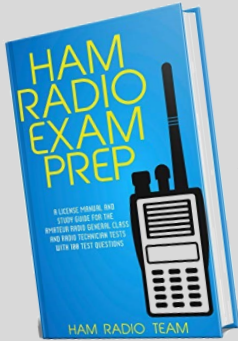
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# VE TESTING



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 20**
- **May 15**
- **July 17**
- **Sept. 18**
- **Nov. 20**

**Direct questions to Kevin KW3P at [kw3p@arrl.net](mailto: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

02/19, 02/22 KB3DEN  
02/26, 03/01 WA3YLQ  
03/05 KB3DEN  
03/08 W3WTT  
03/12 NE3I  
03/15 W3WTT  
03/19, 03/22 KB3DEN  
03/26, 03/29 WA3YLQ  
04/02 NE3I  
04/05 W3WTT  
04/09 NE3I  
04/12 W3WTT  
04/16, 04/19 KB3DEN

Contact Jim KB3DEN with any questions or conflicts. 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-
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 January Report

QNI = 105

QTC = 6

In 9 Sessions

That's over 11 Check-in's per session!

73's, Jim KB3DEN

## January VE Session

Kevin KW3P reports that congratulations are in order to Carl Breuninger, Matthew Walchinsky, Douglas Ortiz, and Nicholas Guerra who passed the Technician exam. Five people took the test.

## Winter Field Day

At the suggestion of Charles KS3Z, the FEDS/ Field Ops participants activated the club during the 2023 Winter Field Day event on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Dan WA3NFV was granted permission to use the club's call sign W3AI from trustee Jim KB3DEN. Operation was during the last few hours of the event.

Even though the club operated a short duration at Markey Park, the participants were able to make some contacts on 10 and 2 meters and reported the activity to Charles who submitted the score to the event coordinators.

Those present during the event were Jim KC3LXV, Dan WA3NFV, Charles KS3Z, Gene W2BXR, Ross KB3HRP and Len N3EOE.

All had an enjoyable outing in spite of a chilly and damp afternoon.

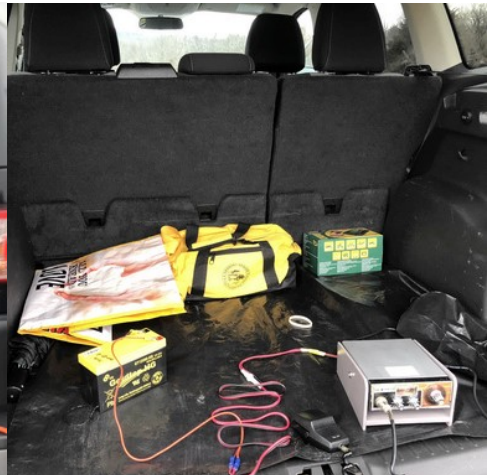
Looking forward to perhaps a more formal Winter Field Day club event at a future date.

Len N3EOE

See photos courtesy Len N3EOE on the next page!



# Winter Field Day Photos





# January Meeting Photos





# January Meeting Photos, Continued





# Even More January Meeting Photos!



Thanks to Joe N3CRP for all January meeting photos!



# FEDS James Park, Bucks County, February 12, 2023



Bryan, W3BFO setting up his "Back Packable" 2 Meter Yagi. The yagi worked well enough to reach out about 8 Miles with 1 Watt.



Jim, KA3WXV with his FEDS Portable set up.



Griff, NE3I checking SWR of his 15 Meter End Fed Half Wave Vertical. QSOs made with stations in Florida, Hawaii, Düsseldorf, Germany, Kansas and Ireland on 15 Meter Phone and CW using only 25 Watts.



Len N3EOE, Dan WA3NFV, Bryan W3BFO and Jim KA3WXV.

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## FEDS James Park, Continued



Bryan and his mobile with Dan's 10 Meter Mag Mount worked a station in Wales on 10 Meter SSB.



Jim KA3WXV and Gene W2GXR



Dan WA3NFV, Ross KB3HRP and Bryan W3BFO.

*Photos and captions courtesy Griff NE3I*