



# MEGAHERTZ TIMES



MAY 2025

W3AI

PO Box 336, Perkasio, PA 18944

## R F Hill Amateur Radio Club 2025

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Vice President: Jim Soete, WA3YLQ  
Secretary: Vacant  
Treasurer: Jim Reed, KC3LXV  
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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](mailto:rfhillarc@yahoo.com)

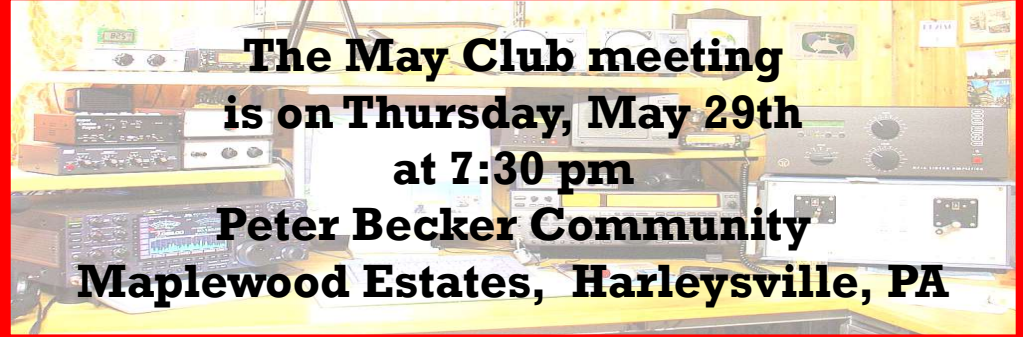
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days before the meeting! Please submit  
in Open Office (.odt) or MS Word (.docx)  
format.

Simple PDFs MAY be acceptable.

Send to [ks3z@comcast.net](mailto:ks3z@comcast.net)



## May Club Program

# 2025 Field Day Planning Session

To be discussed: site set-up, antennas, station positions, operator/logger schedules, Canteen, operating rules, our Club submission, and bonus points. Also covered will be personal equipment that participants should be prepared to bring and any other questions that may arise from "the floor."

This is our biggest and probably most fun event of the year! See you at the meeting! 73 de WA3YLQ

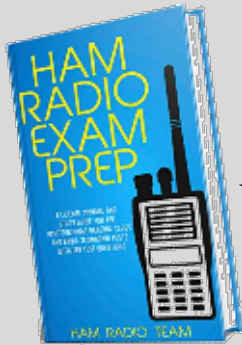
## May Meeting Room Change

### The May Meeting will be held in the Reflections Dining Room

This room is located at the far end of the main hallway which goes straight back from the Lobby (you will pass the formal dining room on your right).

There will be an event upstairs and there may be some congestion parking and entering the building.

# VE TESTING



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

100 E Church Ave.  
Telford, PA 18969



## Scheduled VE Exam Sessions Remaining 2025 Dates:

May 19  
July 21  
September 15  
October 19 (at Hamfest)  
November 17

*Pre-registration recommended so candidates know what to bring to session. Direct questions to Kevin KW3P at [kw3p@arrl.net](mailto:kw3p@arrl.net) or by cell phone at 215-378-6978.*



## Club 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 ARC Ten Meter AM Net:** 29.005 MHz on Sunday evening immediately following the SEPPTN

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

## SEPPATN Net Control Stations

05/25 WA3YLQ	06/18 KB3DEN
05/28 KB3DEN	06/22 WA3YLQ
06/01 WA3YLQ	06/25 KW3P
06/04 KW3P	06/29 WA3YLQ
06/08 WA3YLQ	07/02 KW3P
06/11 KW3P	
06/15 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)
NPARC 10 meter net	Tu	8 PM	28.370 USB



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# RF Hill ARC April Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date 04/24/2025.

**Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag – WA3YLQ**

**Roll Call** 22 ARO's and 1 XYL present

## **Officer Reports:**

**President** Absent

**Vice President** Jim, WA3YLQ, reported that the Board is continuing with Field Day preparations. N3TZW, Bob, has obtained four office desk chairs which are now in the trailer. These chairs are adjustable in height and will provide a slightly higher sitting position AND much more comfort. An extra cushion may be desirable. Bob reported that he has gotten the generator up and running with an auxiliary battery pack. Changing out the old battery must still be addressed.

NE3I and others posted concerns re: the "bug infestation" during Saturday night operations. Several board members are going out to the trailer after Memorial Day holiday to measure doors and to also review general trailer condition. The Board has authorized the purchase of screening as described in several reflector posts.

The May Club Meeting will be our Field Day planning session for this year.

**Secretary** (position vacant) The March minutes were published in this month's MHz Times. There being no discussion re: same, a motion to accept minutes as published was made by W3TFF, seconded by N3QQT. Motion carried. The application of new member applicant, Ron Salamanca, was read by WA3YLQ. Ron spoke to the group about his various ham activities. Ron's application will be voted upon at the May meeting.

**Treasurer** KC3LXV reported that all accounts due are up to date. There was no discussion of the Treasurer's report, a motion to accept same was made by KS3Z, seconded by KB3DEN. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

Repeater Repeaters are up and running.

**VE** No VE session held. Next session is May 19<sup>th</sup>. KS3Z will run this session as Kevin, KW3P, will be recuperating from surgery. The new two-page Repeater operations hand out will be given to those new hams attending the session.

MHz Times Articles due in ten days before the next meeting.

**SEPPATN** The Net activity report was published in the Newsletter. Net manager Jim, KB3DEN, was present and made comments to the group NCS. Operators are needed!

**WA3JRS 10 Meter Net** John, N3HGX, reported that net activity continues following the regularly scheduled SEPPATN net. Operating freqs. are 29.005 (AM) and 28.370 (USB) following AM check-ins. (Sun PM)

**Feds** DAN, WA3NFV, reported that the Sunday afternoon FEDs group is getting active again for the fair weather season. Check the reflector for Field locations for that day.

**Old Business** none

**New Business** none

**Adjournment** Motion made by KS3Z. Unanimous approval from the Floor.

**Program:** "Spring Tune Up for Fair WX Field Op's, wa3ylq presenter.

## **Respectfully Submitted:**

Jim Soete, WA3YLQ, VP, RF Hill ARC

# RF Hill SEPPATN April Report

Below is my SEPPATN Report for the month of April 2025:

QNI = 95; QTC = 2 In 9 Sessions

That's an average of over 10 Check-in's per session!

Thanks!

73's

Jim – KB3DEN



**Net Controls needed! See Jim, KB3DEN or an officer!**

## RF Hill ARC Future 2025 Club Programs

June - Final Field Day Briefing and POTA Operations by Tom, K3KKI

July - Mobile/Portable Night, 7PM in the Parking Lot at PBC  
Meeting follows inside at 8PM

August—Annual Club Picnic at Menlo Park, Perkasio,  
regularly scheduled Meeting date at earlier hour.

Programs needed for September and October. Suggestions welcomed!

## RF Hill Badges Available

RF Hill has badges available for members. Charles, KS3Z, is the producer of this coveted item.

If you would like one, post a note to Charles on the Reflector or see him at a Club meeting.

Badges usually contain Call, First Name and City/Town.

Note that they will not mail these.

Please plan to pick yours up at a Club Meeting



## ARRL Field Day

Sat June 28- Sun June 29

(Always the last full weekend of June.)

RF Hill ARC will be participating from Markley Memorial Park,  
Rt. 563, Perkasio.