



# MEGAHERTZ TIMES



August 2025

**W3AI**

PO Box 336, Perkasie, PA 18944

## R F Hill Amateur Radio Club 2025

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Vice President: Jim Soete, WA3YLQ  
Secretary: Vacant  
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### CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address:  
PO Box 336, Perkasie, 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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DEADLINE for article submission is 6  
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)



**The August Club meeting  
is THE PICNIC! on Thursday, August 28th  
at 7:00 pm  
Menlo Park Pavilion  
4th and Park Ave., Perksie, PA 18944**

## August Meeting Program

**RF Hill Annual Club Picnic  
Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>**

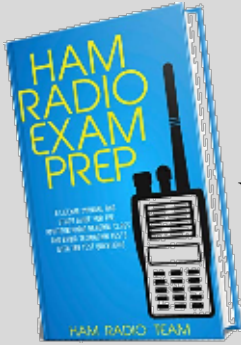
**Festivities Begin at 6:30PM  
Menlo Park in Perkasie**

The Board hosts this affair and supplies the “main course”, condiments, water and picnic supplies. Members are asked to bring a side dish to share with the group. Sides may include salads, munchies, desserts or any other treat of your choice. Members, family members and friends are invited. Please post to the reflector the number in your party and the side you will be bringing.

Set-Up begins at 5:45. If you can come a little early to help out, that would be great! See you at the Picnic.

73 WA3YLQ

# 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



## 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 traffic net.

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

## Scheduled VE Exam Sessions

### Remaining 2025 Dates:

**September 15**

**October 19 (at the 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.*

## SEPPTN Net Control Stations

08/27 KW3P	09/17 KW3P
08/31 WA3YLQ	09/21 WA3YLQ
09/03 KW3P	09/24 KW3P
09/07 KB3DEN	09/28 KB3DEN
09/10 KB3DEN	10/01 KB3DEN
09/14 WA3YLQ	

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 July Meeting Minutes

**Date** July 31, 2025

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

**Roll Call** 16 ARO's Present 1 Guest

## **Officer Reports:**

**President** absent

**Vice President** Jim, WA3YLQ, thanked all who supported Field Day. Tonight's program will be a photo Gallery presentation and a review of RF Hill's results. Future programs include POTA in September presented by K3KKI, SEPPATN Night in October and a Member Mini-Mart in November.

The **Club Picnic** is in August on our regular meeting night, **the last Thursday of the Month (28<sup>th</sup>)**. It will be held in Menlo Park in Perkasio and will begin at 6:30PM. The Board provides the "main course", bottled water and picnic supplies. Members, if able, are asked to bring a side dish to share with the group. More info to follow on the reflector.

**Secretary** vacant Minutes Published in Newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by NQ3Z. Seconded by KC3ZPY. Being no discussion the motion was carried.

**Treasurer** absent Treasurer's report submitted via E/M, WA3YLQ read the report followed by brief discussion. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by KS3Z. Seconded by KW3P. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

**Repeater:** There is an RF Power issue which Charles and Brian are working to resolve.

**VE:** No recent session.

**MHz Times:** Charles welcomes articles. NO pdf's

**SEPPATN:** Report in MHz Times

**WA3JRS 10 Mtr Net:** N3HGX reported continued activity.

**Feds:** no report

**Hamfest:** Hamfest is Sunday Oct 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business** Griff , NE3I, gave an update on the Peter Becker Ham Shack. The proposed location is now on the campus

**New Business** none

**Adjournment** A motion to adjourn was made by W3TFF, seconded by KW3P. Meeting adjourned.

**Program:** Field Day Photo Gallery and Debrief, WA3YLQ Discussion Leader

## **Respectfully Submitted:**

Jim Soete, WA3YLQ

**V-P RF Hill ARC, Recorder**  
**RF Hill ARC**

# RF Hill SEPPATN Report

RF HILL SEPPTN Report July 2025

QNI = 73

QTC = 3

In 9 Sessions

That's an average of 8 Check-in's per session!

Thanks!

73's Jim – KB3DEN



## RF Hill ARC Future 2025 Club Programs

August (this month) – Annual Club Picnic, Regular Meeting night at Menlo Park in Perkasio. 6:30 PM. Additional info will be posted.

September – Parks on the Air presentation by Tom, K3KKI.

October – 2023 Limerick Generating Station Drill presentation by Griff, NE3I

November – Member Mini-Mart, an in-house member only Hamfest will be in the downstairs (small) dining room at Peter Becker. Bring items easily displayed on a tabletop.

## RF Hill Badges Available

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

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

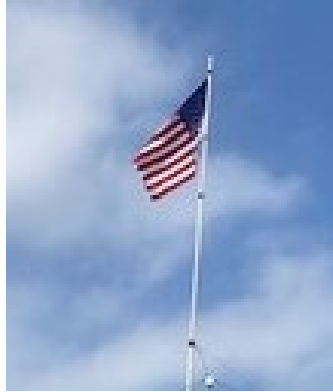
Badges usually contain Call, First Name and City/Town.

Note that we will **not** mail these.

Please plan to pick yours up at a Club Meeting!

# RF Hill VE Session

Next session September 15, 2025, at Indian Valley Public Library, Church Road in Telford at 6 pm. Always looking for candidates or VEs. Contact Kevin, KW3P for info. See page 2.



## Signals Newsletter – ARRL EPA Section

The link below contains instructions to subscribe to postings from the ARRL EPA distribution system including “Signals” the bi-monthly newsletter.

<https://epa-arrl.org/signals-newsletter/>

73, Griff NE3I



# RF Hill Hamfest October 19, 2025

Our annual Hamfest will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Upper Bucks Campus of the Bucks County Community College. The Gates are open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the General Public. Open at 7:00 AM for Vendors. Note these times are 1 hour LATER than last year. We will need an early AM crew to sell tickets and guide cars to parking. The most labor-intensive time is opening until about 10:00 AM. After cleaning up at 1:00 PM we are usually "out of here" by 2:30 PM.

Check your calendars and see if you can help. This is our BIG (and only) fund-raising event for the Club. An all-hands effort is appreciated. More info and procedures will be discussed at the September meeting and in the Mhz Times. 73 Jim, WA3YLQ

## SAME LOCATION !!! **HAMFEST 2.0**



RF HILL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Admission  
**\$10.00**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025  
RAIN OR SHINE

Talk-in  
145.31-  
PL 131.8

**AT THE UPPER COUNTY CAMPUS OF THE BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Use GPS address: 346 Blooming Glen Road, Perkasie, PA 18944**  
GPS Coordinates: Latitude 40° 22' 53" N, Longitude 75° 16' 31.8" W  
**Gates are open 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the General Public**  
Opens - 7:00 AM for vendors • **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING** at the College

- FREE PARKING !!!**                      **NO EARLY BIRDS!!!**
- Vendor spaces – Spaces DO NOT include admission.  
**OUTDOOR:** approx. 9' frontage, first come, first served on Sunday  
- \$10 / space.  
**NO LARGE BILLS ACCEPTED AT THE GATE!**
- VE testing: Inside. Begins at 10:00 AM sharp.  
**Bring ID and FRN! Fee \$15.00**
- Food available at site
- Door Prizes drawn throughout the day (Must be present to Win)  
**Ham Equipment, Computer Hardware and Software flea market**

For Hamfest information contact:  
**Jim Soete, WA3YLQ**  
215-622-4344  
Email: wa3ylq@hotmail.com  
**Club website: www.rfhillarc.club**



**See other side for maps & directions**

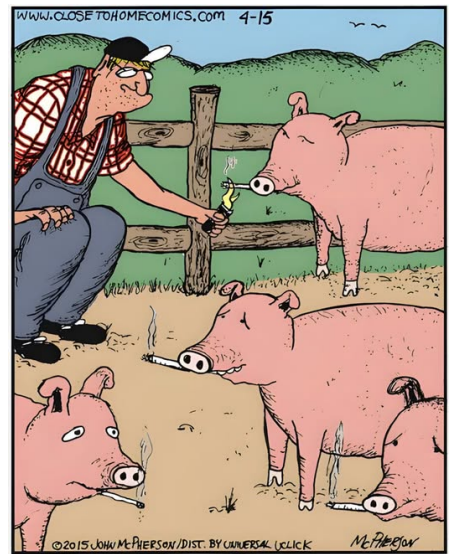
*\*\* Non-ham spouses and kids are free*

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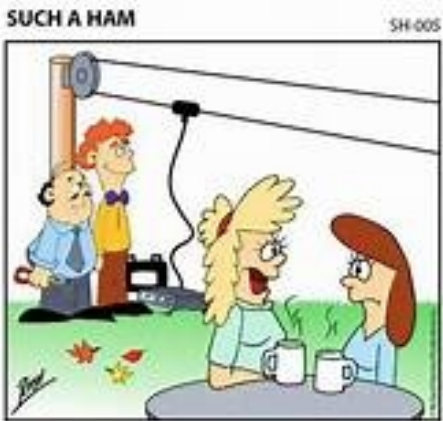
Some pictures copied from EZ Pix by Lamar, K3UCI



**Would you mind wearing your Bikini? I need Hubby to mow our Lawn!**



Where smoked ham comes from.



Stan & Cliff have been working all day on installing my clothesline, Mary.

