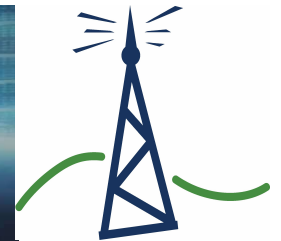




# MEGAHERTZ TIMES



September 2025

W3AI

PO Box 336, Perkasio, PA 18944

## R F Hill Amateur Radio Club 2025

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ks3z@comcast.net

### 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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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 September Club meeting is on  
Thursday, September 25th  
at 7:30 pm  
Peter Becker Community  
Maplewood Estates, Harleysville, PA 19040**

## September Club Meeting Programs

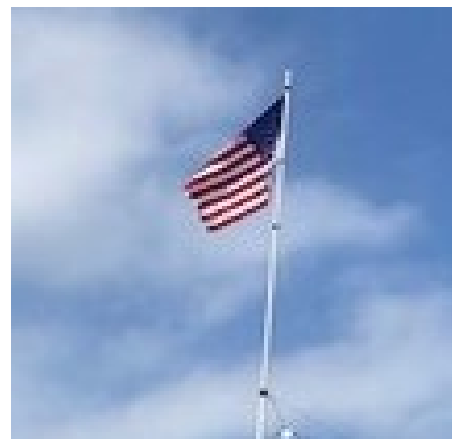
*Parks on the Air Presentation*

by Tom, K3KKI

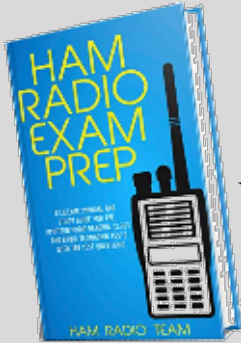
and

*Hamfest Operations Briefing*

by Jim, 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

## Scheduled VE Exam Sessions Remaining 2025 Dates:

**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*



## 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.

## SEPPATN Net Control Stations

09/28 KB3DEN	11/26 KB3DEN
10/01 KB3DEN	11/30 WA3YLQ
10/05 WA3YLQ	12/03 KW3P
10/08 KW3P	12/07 WA3YLQ
10/12 WA3YLQ	12/10 KW3P
10/15 KW3P	12/14 KB3DEN
10/19 KB3DEN	12/17 KB3DEN
10/22 KB3DEN	12/21 WA3YLQ
10/26 WA3YLQ	12/24 KW3P
10/29 KW3P	(Canceled)
11/02 WA3YLQ	12/28 WA3YLQ
11/05 KW3P	12/31 KW3P
11/09 WA3YLQ	(Canceled)
11/12 KW3P	01/04 WA3YLQ
11/16 KB3DEN	01/07 KW3P
11/19 KB3DEN	01/11 KB3DEN
11/23 KB3DEN	01/14 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 August Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 28, 2025

**Being as it was the picnic, all business was deferred to the September Meeting.**

Jim Soete, WA3YLQ  
V-P RF Hill ARC, Recorder  
RF Hill ARC

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## PICNIC SUCCESS !

Thanks to all who came out to our Picnic in August.

We had fourteen ARO's and six guests signed in. Cary, NI2Q, conducted a brief business meeting during the event, where business was deferred to the September meeting.

Thank you to all who brought side dishes and goodies to share with the group. A good time was had by all!

73 WA3YLQ

# RF Hill SEPPATN Report

## RF HILL SEPPATN Report August 2025

QNI = 78

QTC = 5

In 9 Sessions

That's an average of over 8 Check ins per session!



## RF Hill ARC Future 2025 Club Programs

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.

December - TBA

## *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

Last session was September 15. One examinee passed the Technician test.

Next session October 15, 2025, at the Hamfest

Always looking for candidates or VEs. Contact Kevin, KW3P for info. See page 2.

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## MCAR Prepares for Limerick Nuclear Generating Station Drill

By Robert Alan Griffiths, NE3I  
ARRL EPA Public Information Coordinator

At its September meeting, Montgomery County ARES RACES “MCAR” continued preparations for the upcoming Limerick Nuclear Generating Station (“LGS”) Drill set to occur on November 18th. During the Drill, MCAR will be tasked to staff the Montgomery County EOC as well as 21 Municipal EOCs located within the LGS 10 mile radius Environmental Protection Zone. The LGS Drill will be MCAR’s Simulated Emergency Test (“SET”) for this year.

Assistant Emergency Coordinator, Tom Nolan, W3EX, chaired the meeting and staffed vacant LGS Drill assignments. AEC Rocky Pistilli, N3FKR, provided hands on FLdigi review and training. In person and Zoom attendees also watched a presentation provided by Tom Pleva, KB3JCW and Robert Griffiths, NE3I, depicting LGS Drill procedures, forms and Municipal EOC “Go Kit” photos from the 2023 LGS Drill.

MCAR anticipates using its AA3E Two Meter Repeater, (146.235/835 MHz, PL Tone 88.5), as

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## 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.

See Hamfest flyer next page—Give to a friend!

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](mailto:wa3ylq@hotmail.com)

**Club website: [www.rfhillarc.club](http://www.rfhillarc.club)**



**See other side for maps & directions**

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

# EZ Pix

Some pictures copied from EZ Pix by Lamar, K3UCI

