



# MEGAHERTZ TIMES



October 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  
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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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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)



## RF Hill Hamfest

this Weekend !

**Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**

Set-Up 6:30 AM – Vendors 7:00 AM

Public 8 AM – 1 PM

**RAIN OR SHINE !** (Or snow)

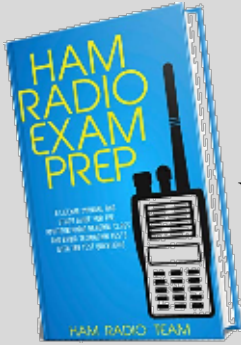
*Help from members is needed for our annual  
fundraising event !*

## October Meeting Program

The 2023 Limerick Generating Station Drill  
presentation by Grif, NE3I.

*Great photos of local Hams in Public Service!*

# 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:

**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

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

Date Sept. 25, 2025

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

**Roll Call** 15 HRO's and 1 Guest Present

## **Officer Reports:**

**President** Absent

**Vice President** Jim, WA3YLQ, reported on upcoming Programs. Tonight's Program will be presented by Tom, K3KKI. The subject is POTA operations. Future programs: October- Limerick Generating Station Drill presentation by Griff, NE3I; November-Member Mini-Mart member only Hamfest; December-TBA by WA3YLQ.

Jim also spoke on the need for Officer Candidates for 2026. Jim, KC3LXV has one year left on his term as Treasurer. The remaining positions: President, V-President and Secretary are OPEN. Contact Jim if you have an interest in serving.

**Secretary** There were no minutes from the August Meeting held briefly at the Club Picnic. July Minutes were published in MHz Times. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by NE3I; seconded by N3QQT. Motion carried.

**Treasurer** Jim, KC3LXV, reported that all accounts are up to Date. There was no income during the month, and one bill was received for the Picnic catering. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by KW3P, Seconded by K3ALV. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

Repeater KS3Z reported that W3AI/r is up and running.

VE KW3P reported that one Tech candidate passed at last session.

MHz Times KS3Z reports that submissions are coming in to him.

SEPPATN Report published in MHz Times. Activity continues. WA3YLQ is preparing a program on Local Net operations. To be scheduled in the future.

WA3JRS 10 Meter Net Six check-ins are typical for participation.

Feds (Sun PM) POTA activity continues. Active members: N3ANZ, KD3AAC, KC3ZPY, NE3I.

**Old Business** NE3I brought up the Liability Insurance question re: members operating independently in the field. Jim gave an informal, unofficial, off-the-record presentation regarding this subject. The Board has operational and safety concerns regarding these operations. Jim will report member concerns to the Board at their next Meeting.

**New Business**—WA3YLQ gave a short Power Point presentation covering Hamfest Operations. (Hamfest is SUNDAY, OCT. 19<sup>TH</sup>. Vendors admitted at 7 AM, the public at 8 AM. Set up begins at 6:30.)

**Adjournment** A motion to Adjourn was made and unanimously accepted.

**Program:** TOM, K3KKI presented a program on POTA operations. Very interesting and well received by all who were present. THANKS TOM!

**Respectfully Submitted:** Jim Soete, WA3YLQ, V-P RF Hill ARC



# RF Hill SEPPATN Report

QNI = 75

QTC = 2

In 8 Sessions

That's an average of over 9 Check-in's per session!

Thanks!

73's

Jim – KB3DEN



## RF Hill VE Session

**Next session October 15, 2025, at the Hamfest**

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

### RF Hill ARC Future 2025 Club Programs

**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, WA3YLQ

### *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 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) fundraising 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 on last page—Give to a friend!

73 Jim, WA3YLQ

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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 its primary channel for Voice and FLdigi Drill text communications. The LGS Drill is expected to begin at about 4 PM Local Time. During non-traffic intervals and when allowed by the Net Control Station, Non-MCAR and out of county Radio Amateurs may check in to provide their respective Community Served, Served Agency supported, and Emergency Power status, if utilized. MCAR has placed nationally among the top ten ARRL SET reporting groups many times for past LGS Drill SET performance.

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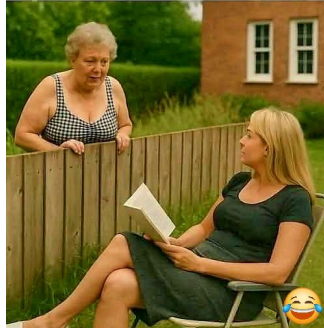
# EZ Pix

Some pictures copied from EZ Pix by Lamar, K3UCI

When you hit second gear, and the front end starts to come up



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



Reasons why I bark:



- 1% really danger
- 9% Because I want food
- 15% Delivery persons/Neighbors daring to exist
- 75% NOTHING (but I heard a noise)



Mobile Ham Radio



Miss Walters, Gerald is making contacts with FT8 again instead of doing his coding work!

# 2026 Membership Campaign Begins!

Please see the Dues Renewal Form in this issue. Bring this form to a meeting or mail to RF Hill ARC PO Box 336, Perkasio, PA 18944

Your dues payment is expected no later than the January meeting. Please fill out this form and return it with your payment at a Club meeting or by mail: RF Hill ARC PO Box 336 Perkasio, PA 18944. The 2026 dues rates are **\$25.00** per year for regular membership, and **\$12.50** for Retired members and students.

No dues required for Life Members.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE DUES PAID: \$25.00 \$12.50 Life Member

CHECK ONE: \_\_\_\_\_ No Changes to my info. (do not complete further)

\_\_\_\_\_ See Changes below to my info.

**\*\*\* ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO INDICATE CHANGES TO YOUR PERSONAL INFO.\*\*\***

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

License Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member YES No

ARES/RACES Member ? YES NO

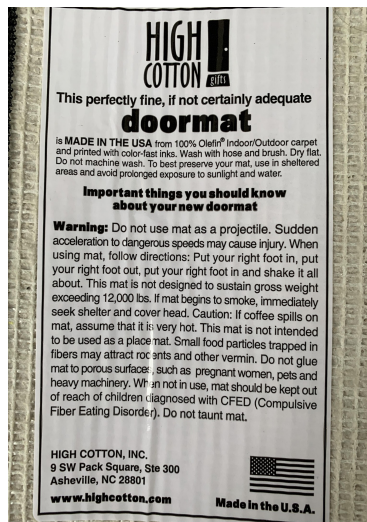
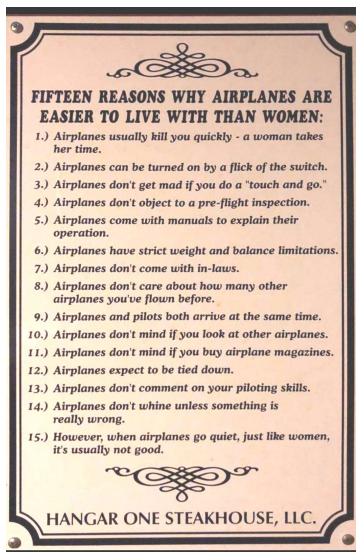
## ALL READ QUESTION BELOW

My Contact info may be shared with MEMBERS YES NO

Note: Your Call Book/ULS address will be considered your address of record.

OPTIONAL DONATION to support the W3AI Repeater and Club operations.

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ .



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*