



# MEGAHERTZ TIMES



February 2021

W3AI

PO Box 336, Perkasio, PA 18944

## RF Hill Amateur Radio Club 2021

President: WA3NFV, Dan Mitten

Vice Pres.: KB3EWV, John Morell

Secretary: NI2Q, Cary Binder

Treasurer: KC3LXV, Jim Reed

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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

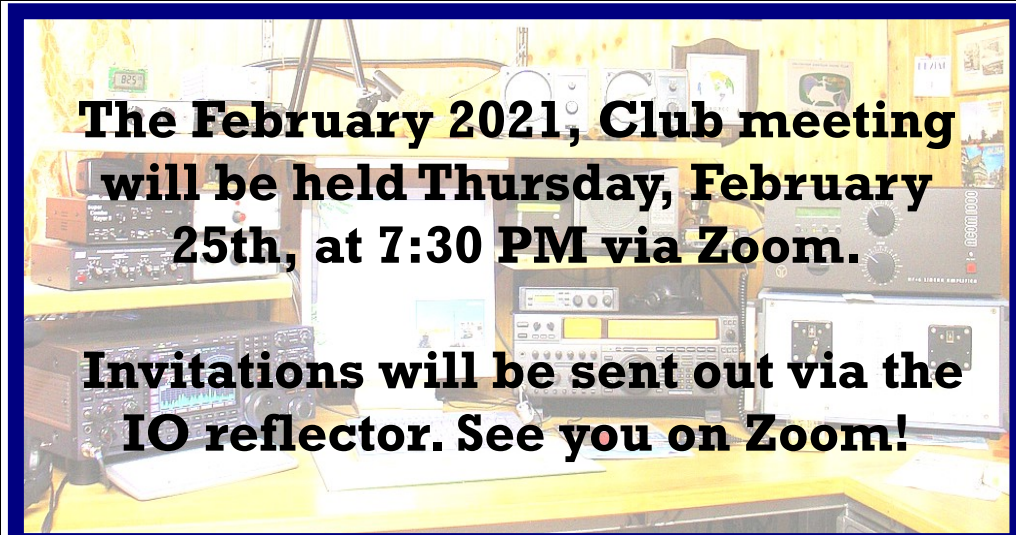
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## Congratulations to the new slate of officers!

This is the Changing of the Guard issue which only means that some things you are used to seeing are absent. Do not despair, they will return!

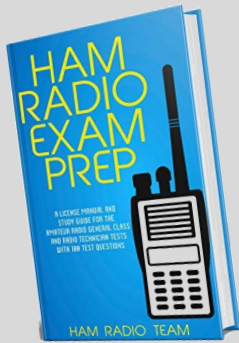
Due to the Covid-19 threat, Peter Becker, as well as most senior living facilities, have closed their campuses to visitors. The administrator at PBC will let us know when that changes.

Stay safe and best 73,  
Jim Soete, WA3YLQ, Secretary  
RF Hill ARC, VE Team Liaison



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# VE TESTING



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

100 E Church Ave.  
Telford, PA 18969



*Due to various factors related to Covid-19 the board has not yet scheduled in-person VE Testing for 2021. If other options become available they will be announced at meetings or on the reflector. Online options are available: <https://blog.hamstudy.org/2020/04/fully-remote-amateur-radio-license-exam-administration/>.*



## 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

02/28,03/03 W3WTT  
03/07,03/10 KS3Z  
03/14,03/17 KB3DEN  
03/21,03/24 WA3YLQ  
03/28,03/31 W3WTT  
04/04,04/07 KS3Z  
04/11,04/14 KB3DEN

Any questions or conflicts, please let me know. 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	6 PM	3.917 +/-
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)



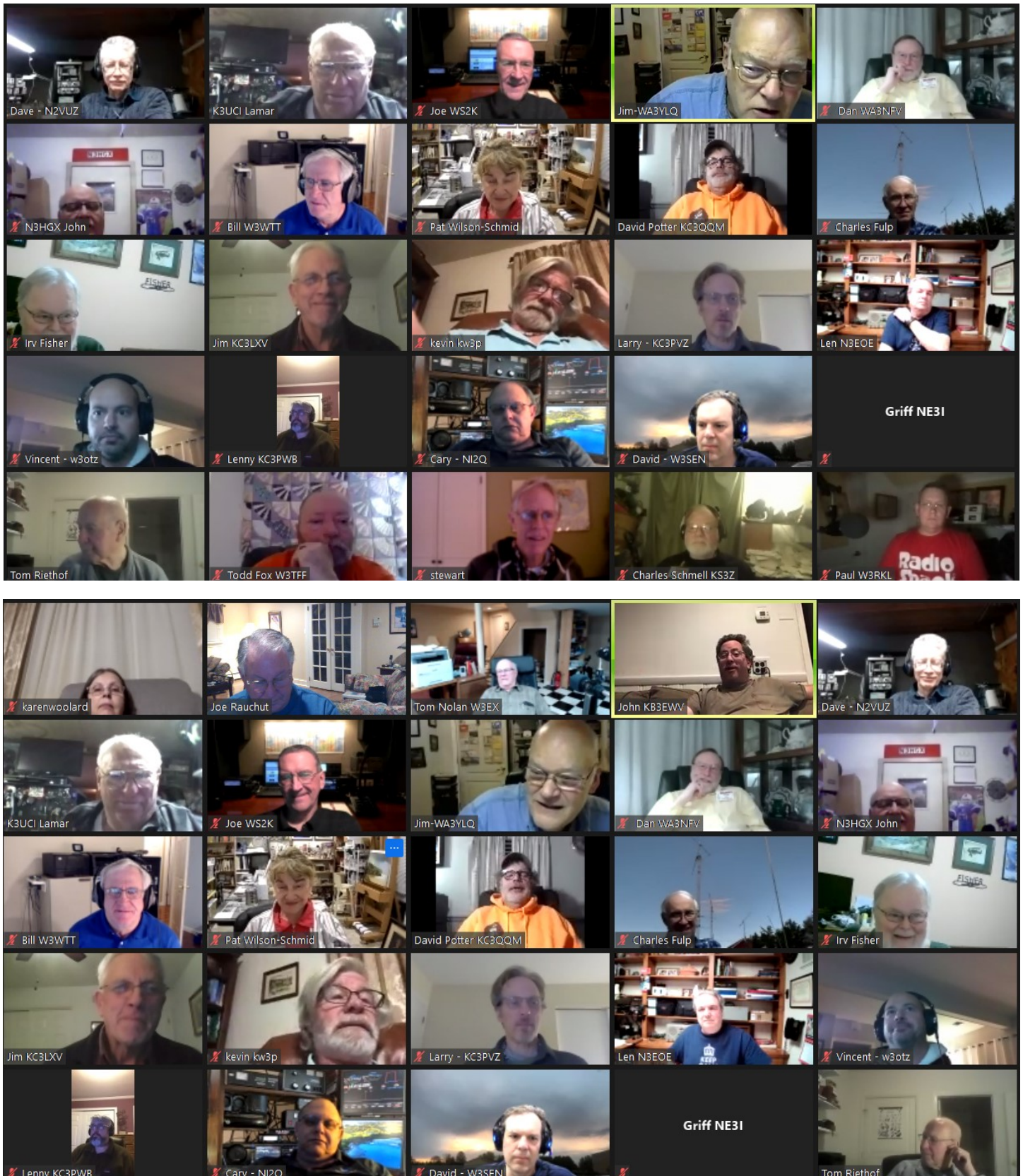
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# January Meeting Faces



Pages 1 and 2 exactly as taken from Zoom by Joe, N3CRP. It gives little insight into what the Zoom algorithm is for pagination. In other words, how do they decide who the lucky people are that are included twice??? -ed.

# RF Hill ARC Meeting Minutes

**Date** 01/28/2021 **REVISED**

**Welcome/Call to Order** Vice-Pres, John, KB3EWV

**Roll Call** 32 ARO's Present

**Officer Reports:**

**President** none

**Vice President** KB3EWV thanked all for attending this important Club meeting. He also thanked all those who have been active with Club affairs and have supported RF Hill during this difficult year.

**Secretary** Jim, WA3YLQ, reported that the December Meeting minutes were published in MHz Times. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by KS3Z, seconded by W3TT. Motion carried. A second reading of the member application of Chris Van Brunt, N2OIT, from Harleysville was offered. A motion to accept Chris's application was made by W3WTT, seconded by KW3P. Motion carried. Welcome Chris to membership!

First readings were offered for David Potter ,KC3QQM, of Lansdale, and Larry Mogil, KC3PVZ, of New Britain. These applications will be presented for a second reading at the February meeting. We thank these ARO's for there interest in the Club.

**Treasurer** Jim, KC3LXV, offered a report on the Club's financial status. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by WS2K, seconded by W3TFF. Motion carried. Thanks, Jim, for the report!

**Committee Reports**

**Repeater** KS3Z reported that the W3AI repeaters are up and running with no reported difficulties.

**MHz Times** Bill, W3WTT thanked those who have contributed to MHz Times, and especially NI2Q for his interesting folding antenna article. Submissions are always welcome.

**SEPPATN** KB3DEN submitted his report for December. During the month there were 112 check-in's and 5 pieces of traffic passed. There were 9 sessions averaging 12 stations per session. Thankyou Jim for the report.

**10 Meter AM Net** WA3NFV/WA3JRS reported that net activity continues with much enthusiasm. Several stations share NCS duties. This NET meets Sunday evenings following the 8PM SEPPATN net on 29.005 Mhz.

**CW Squad** Griff, NE3I, reported that some new participants are checking in to the Tuesday night "SQUAD" net on 28.370.6 Mhz. New participants are welcome and the speed is kept slow for beginners.(Several members are conducting code practice on the band.-Ed.)

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# RF Hill ARC Meeting Minutes cont'd

**Old Business** V-P KB3EWV asked the Nominating Committee to give their report. Len, N3EOE, Committee Chair reported that candidates for Club Officers have been determined. The candidates are, for President, Dan, WA3NFV and Charles, KS3Z; for V-P, John, KB3EWV (incumbent); for Secretary, Cary, NI2Q; and for Treasurer, Jim, KC3LXV (incumbent). Len thanked the other committee members for their assistance: WA3JRS, WA3NFV and WA3YLQ.

KB3EWV asked for nominations and/or volunteers from the floor. Each office was addressed individually. No additional nominees came forward. As the office of President was contested, a confidential poll was ordered. Tom, W3EXA, submitted the poll to the members screens and tallied the results. Since there were no additional nominees for the remaining three positions, KB3EWV directed the Club Secretary to cast a single vote for each of the remaining candidates resulting in their election to their respective positions. KB3EWV then announced the result of the Presidential race. Dan, WA3NFV, was elected President for the 2021 year.

The elected officers for 2021 are: WA3NFV, President; KB3EWV, Vice-Pres.; NI2Q, Secretary; KC3LXV, Treasurer.

The Club Constitution provides for a fifth voting Board Member. This is the immediate past President. Jeff, KC3HHK, has submitted a letter of resignation to the Board, so (he) is unable to fulfill this position. Charles, KS3Z, becomes the immediate past president who will sit on the Board.

KB3EWV thanked all for their participation and W3EX for Moderating the Zoom meeting.

**New Business** KB3EWV appointed Len, N3EOE, Chairperson of the Club's Audit Committee. Len reported that Kevin, KW3P, and Joe, WS2K, will also serve on the committee. Len will pick up the Club books from KC3LXV and the committee will review the records for accuracy. The committee will report at the February meeting. This audit is required by the Club Constitution and By-Laws.

**Adjournment** Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by W3TFF, seconded by W3SEN. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

**Program:** Tonight's program was an informal picture gallery presented by various members. Thanks to all who presented.

## **Respectfully Submitted:**

Jim Soete, WA3YLQ, Secretary

RF Hill ARC