

May 2024

W3AI

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CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address: PO Box 336, Perkasie, PA 1894

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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Send to ks3z@comcast.net



May Club Meeting Program:

Field Days Past : A brief Power Point presentation of F/D Pic's from past years.

Field Day 2024 Operating Rules: How to determine the operating class of your Field Day station. Also, some general rules concerning Field Day setups and operating requirements.

N3FJP Logging Software KS3Z will offer an overview of logging using this very popular software. Note that Field Day is the weekend of June 22-23 (fourth full weekend of June.)

Looking forward to seeing all at the May Club Meeting.

73 Jim Soete, WA3YLQ

Don't forget—ARRL Field Day coming up! 4th full weekend of June (22-23)

Get Radioactive!!!



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



<u>Scheduled VE Exam Sessions</u> 2024 Dates: July 15 September 16 October 20 (at Hamfest) November 18 Direct questions to Kevin KW3P_at kw3p@arrl.net or by cell phone at 215-378-6978.



Club Nets

<u>SEPPTN traffic nets</u> 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.

<u>RF Hill A-R-C Ten Meter AM Net</u>: 29.005MHz on Sunday evening immediately following the SEPPTN

<u>RF Hill CW Squad</u> 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

06/02, 06/05 KB3DEN	07/07, 07/10 KB3DEN
06/09, 06/12 WA3YLQ	07/14 NE3I
05/19 NE3I	07/17 WA3YLQ
05/22 WA3YLQ	07/21 NE3I
05/26 NE3I	07/24 WA3YLQ
05/29 WA3YLQ	07/28, 07/31 KB3DEN
06/02, 06/05 KB3DEN	08/04, 08/07 WA3YLQ
06/09, 06/12 WA3YLQ	08/11 NE3I
06/16 NE3I	08/14 WA3YLQ
06/19 WA3YLQ	08/18 NE3I
06/23 NE3I	08/21 WA3YLQ
06/26 WA3YLQ	08/25, 08/28 KB3DEN
06/30, 07/03 WA3YLQ	09/01, 09/04 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

AREA NET LISTINGS

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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)



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RF Hill SEPPATN March Report

Below is my SEPPATN Report for the month of April 2024:

RF HILL SEPPTN Report April 2024 QNI = 87 QTC = 5 In 8 Sessions That's over 10 Check-in's per session!

RF Hill VE Session May 20



No people taking exams but 6 VE's (KW3P, WB3ABH, N3FV, K3UCI, K3KTM, and N3CRP)

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 ARC March Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2024

Welcome/Call to Order- President Cary, NI2Q

Pledge to the flag-

Roll Call- 20 members present.

President- Cary NI2Q- Called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Vice President- Jim WA3YLQ- Discussed the program for this evening, and need for more net control operators. Future programs for May, June and July were also noted.

Secretary- Jim KC3LXV- Karen N3QQT and Jim KB3DEN made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as submitted in the MHz Times. The second reading for new member applicants Jim Hampson KC3YTA, Kevin Geroni KC3YSY and Thomas Gernet KC3YSZ were read and approved by the general membership.

Treasurer- Tom K3KKI- A motion by Kevin KW3P and Karen N3QQT was made to approve the treasurer's reported as submitted..

Committee Reports- Kevin KW3P has one registered applicant fot the May 20th VE session. Charles KS3Z reported all is well with the Repeater and MHz Times. Jim KB3DEN reported that the SEPPATN Net is active with 10/11 check in's per session. John N3HGX would like to see more participant's for the Sunday AM Net. Dan WA3NFV reported good activity with the FED's Sunday outings. Old Business- Cary NI2Q noted that the club roster should be updated. Member's not renewing for 2024 will be removed from "The Reflector". New Business- Cary NI2Q greeted guest Sam Rausch KC3VUR from Lansdale, PA. Sam submitted his membership application and the first reading took place. Griff NE3I asked about Field Day dates, times, set up and location. Tom K3KKI will apply for the township permit. Karen N3QQT and Kevin KW3P discussed the PA State Bill SB-37. This is the "Distracted Driver" bill that would restrict hand held devices while driving. Please contact your PA Representitive ASAP and request that Ham Radio Operator's be exempt from this proposed law. Dave N2VUZ is moving and has several 14' galvanized pipes available to anyone interested.

Adjournment- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm was made by Todd W3TFF and Karen N3QQT.

Program- Jim WA3YLQ presented a slide show on "Antenna Day 2019". Jim KB3DEN presented a slide show on "The National Traffic System"

Respectfully submitted- Jim Reed, Secretary KC3LXV

ARRL Systems Service Disruption

From the ARRL website-

We are in the process of responding to a serious incident involving access to our network and headquartersbased systems. Several services, such as Logbook of The World® and the ARRL Learning Center, are affected. Please know that restoring access is our highest priority, and we are expeditiously working with outside industry experts to address the issue. We appreciate your patience.

Some members have asked whether their personal information has been compromised in some way. ARRL does not store credit card information anywhere on our systems, and we do not collect social security numbers. Our member database only contains publicly available information like name, address, and call sign along with ARRL specific data like email preferences and membership dates.

We are continuing to address a serious incident involving access to our network and systems. Several services, such as Logbook of The World® and the ARRL Learning Center, are affected.

We have heard from many LoTW® users, asking about the status of the service and its data. This is not an LoTW server issue, and LoTW data is secure.

However, according to logging programs, uploads to LOTW are not proceeding, and users should wait until the situation is cleared. Do not reset T-QSL.

Our editorial and production team is preparing the July issue of *QST magazine, which is still going to press. It may be delivered a few days late to members who receive print subscriptions. The digitial edition should be published on time.*

We appreciate your continued patience as our staff and others work tirelessly to restore affected systems.

EZ PIX

Some pictures copied from EZ Pix by Lamar, K3UCI















Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark. Professionals built the Titanic.





Don't Forget . . RF Hill Hamfest is Sunday, October 20 !!!

Upper County Campus—Bucks County Community College in Perkasie. Flyers will be available at Club meetings This is the sole source of income besides dues for the year.

Volunteer and help our club!

FEDS at Hilltown - Blooming Glen Park

















Who's that playing Bass?



