

December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes



Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club Newsletter

HRAC meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at HACC, Shumaker Public Safety Center, Gate 5 on Industrial Road in Harrisburg (Elmer Time starts at 6:30PM)

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Welcome to a new Year. As a club we will be hitting the ground running, beginning with our WinterFest. What started as a small gathering several years ago has grown to a respectable hamfest. This weekend we are told by the weather guessers that we will be having a clear day and temperatures in the low 60s. As we have in the past several years, it will be held at the Vietnam Veterans Association, 8000 Derry St., Harrisburg on January 11, 2020. Vendors can get in about 7am, and general public can arrive at 8am.

For those of you who check into the club net on 146.76 (100hz) on Wednesday evening at 8pm, you may have noticed a new net control. Dave (KC3MG) and I will be sharing the net control duties going forward. Steven (KA3PDQ) has been our net control for a remarkable 26 years, and 917 nets. Many thanks to Steven for a job well done.

February we will be having our annual banquet at the Old Country Buffet on rt 22, Colonial Park, beside the Home Depot. We begin at 6pm and will be handing out awards, and door prizes after dinner. Everyone is responsible for his, or her own meals. This is a good time, but you must be a paid up member to win prizes.

We will be covering many topics at the meeting this week. We have plans for Winter Field Day, and we are going to go over events for the summer. There will also be a presentation about home weather stations by Michael W3MSB during the Elmer (Mentor) time.

Terry

WB3BKN

The December 11, 2019 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1900 HRS by the President, Terry Snyder (WB3BKN). The usual member introductions were made.

Secretary Report – The minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting were Published in the newsletter. Karl (W3KBG) Made a Motion to accept the minutes as published Robert (K3RTS) seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report – Nick (AA3T) read the report. Karl (W3KBG) made a motion to accept the report, Chuck (N3WL) seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion was made by Bill (KE3YC) to send HACC a \$200.00 donation, and seconded by Chuck (N3WL). Motion passed.

License Trustee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that there were no changes.

Equipment Trustee – All equipment accounted for and insured.

Repeater Committee – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that a plan had been developed to use the 2 bay dipole on the tower. Waiting for better weather to do the install.

Laurel VE Committee – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next exam session scheduled for December 21, 2019 at HACC. Steven also reported that the Club will have opportunities for exams in January and February 2020.

Membership Committee – No report

Newsletter Editor – Terry (WB3BKN), asked that complete articles in plain English with NO abbreviations and proofread be sent to HRAC.Newsletter@gmail.com. DEADLINE is 7 days before the end of the month.

Web Page – No Report.

Emergency Communications – Richard (KB3YRC) reported that a Skywarn Recognition Day was December 7, 2019.

Trailer Committee – No report.

Elections – Zachary (W3ZTB) reported that the committee had met and all the current officers had agreed to serve again. There was an additional nominee for Vice President, Dave (KC3MG). Being no further nominations from the floor. A written ballot election was held for the Vice President's position with Tim, (W4NKC) retaining that position. A motion was made by Karl (W3KBG) for the secretary to cast a vote of one to reelect the remaining officers. Richard (KB3YRC) seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Officers for 2020: President Terry (WB3BKN); Vice President Tim (W4NKC); Secretary Steven (KA3PDQ); and Treasurer Nick (AA3T).

Ham Feast – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that the Room at the Old Country Buffet, 5083 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg is reserved for February 12, 2020. Festivities will start at 6:00PM. The Ham of the Year award is to be presented at the banquet. The committee members for the Ham of the Year Award are KA3PDQ, K3DRE and KB3YRC. Motion by Bill (KE3YRC) was made to purchase gift cards for door prizes; seconded by Glenn (K3SWZ). Motion Carried.

Hamfest Committee – WINTER HAMFEST – Will be held at the Vietnam Veterans Association, 8000 Derry St., Harrisburg on January 11, 2020. Terry (WB3BKN) reported that Winter Hamfest flyers are available via the internet. Terry also encouraged the membership that help is needed to make this event a success.

Field Day – The group discussed options for this event to be held January 25-26 2020. Zachary (W3ZTB) will investigate possible locations for the club to operate from.

Elmer Time – None

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Good of the Club –Terry (WB3BKN) invited the members to stay and enjoy the traditional Christmas Cookie Feast.

Adjournment – With no further business Nick (AA3T) made a motion to adjourn at 1950 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ

Volunteer Examiner Report

The next exam session will be on 1/11/20 at the HRAC Winter Hamfest. See our website for more details.

Elmer Time (6:30 pm meeting night).



2019 Year End Report

VE Honor Roll

KE3YC	97	KA3PDQ	96	W4NJC(KB3OZA)	57	K3DRE	52	N3HLK	46
KB3MCK	46	N3FWE	46	K3URT	31	KV3Q	26	N3QLB	25
N3UGW	22	KB3PQT	15	K3WKK	12	AC3EA	2	W3JPH	1

2019 Test Session 7 Sessions

We tested 42 Applicants and Administered 43 Elements

Tech: 20

General: 14

Extra: 4

Great Job Everyone! Thank You!

Upcoming Events for 2019

Watch our Facebook page "Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club" for surprise last minute events, or

Weekly HRAC Net

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The weekly information net is held every Wednesday at 8:00 PM on the 146.760 repeater, except for the second Wednesday of the month, which is the club's meeting night.

Local area nets:

Capitol Area Traffic Net starts **Monday at 8 PM** on the South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) repeater on 146.46 (67.0 tone), 1 MHz offset.

The Combined Club ARES/RACES Net meets **Monday at 8:30 PM** on the Keystone 146.97 Repeater (Tone: 123 Hz).

South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) Net on **Monday at 9 PM** on the 145.43 (Tone: 67 Hz) repeater located in Mt. Holly Springs.

The Keystone VHF Club Digital Net on **Tuesday at 8 PM** on the York 146.97 Repeater.

The Keystone VJF Club ELMER Net on **Tuesday at 9 PM** on the York 146.97 Repeater right after the Digital net

A local FM Simplex Net runs **Thursday at 8:30 PM** on 146.55 MHz

South Central PA 10 Meter Net **Friday at 8 PM** on 28.495 MHz USB

Ham Shack Talk Net - **Monday at 9 PM** on 28.335 MHz Delaware

Lehigh Valley ARC Net - **Sunday 4:00 PM** on 28.430 MHz.
Do Drop In net - **Sunday 8:30 PM** on 28.450 MHz Penn- Mar Club net - Friday. 8:30 PM: 28.495 MHz.

10 Meter Ragchew Net - **Every evening starting 7:30PM** on 28.600 MHz

6 Meter Magicians Net from Pottstown **Wednesdays at 8:30 PM** on 50.130 USB. **At 9 PM**, they switch to 50.400 and run A.M. modulation and call themselves the Mini Boat Anchor Net.

The KVHFC 6 Meter Activity Net run by Steve Cruse, K3WHC meets on 50.140 MHz USB on **Wednesday evenings at 8:30 PM**.

Harrisburg Area Skywarn Group Net is every Wednesday night **at 9 PM** on the **145.11**.

Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Information net at **8pm** on **146.76 (100 hz tone)** every **Wednesday** except club meeting night, which is listed at the top of the first page of this

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MONTHLY HAM RADIO LUNCH

The last Thursday of each month there is a Ham Radio Lunch at the "Old Country Buffet" at noon (unless it is a major holiday).

This restaurant is located on Route 22 in Colonial Park in the vicinity of Value City Furniture, Costco and Home Depot.

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Please send any articles for the newsletter to hrac.newsletter@Gmail.com

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The following article was provided & written by Richard (KB3YRC). This can also be found in several written publications:

What it takes to be an amateur radio operator

By Richard E. Lenker (KB3YRC)

Would you like to try your hand at talking on an amateur radio, listening, or speaking with an individual, either locally or across the country or around the world? If so plan to attend one of the many amateur club events held here in central Pennsylvania.

To start out, get involved and meet an amateur radio friends, you can attend a club meeting. There are two local clubs events scheduled for.

January 15th The Harrisburg Amateur Radio Club meets at HACC Harrisburg's campus in the Public Safety Building room 210. Off Industrial Road gate 5. The educational session starts at 6:30 PM, and the club meeting starts at 7 PM till 8:30 PM. See the web site for details W3UU.org.

January 16th The Central Pennsylvania Repeater Association meets at Hoss's in Hummelstown. Come and eat with the group at 6-7 PM, and the meeting starts at 7 PM – 9 PM. Please view the web site for details at W3ND.Org

What do I need? A radio Technician operator's License. Don't have one we can help you. Study guides are available in print, online and CD or DVD, classes are available in the area. Free testing is once a month at HACC. Register at the web site at W3UU.org

Later a radio! You will eventually need an amateur radio, but the radio can be inexpensive. A portable handheld radio can be purchased from \$ 40.00 to \$150.00. You can also buy used equipment or purchase new equipment in order to get started.

What do I get for being an operator? You will meet new friends, either locally, national, or internationally. The pride of help others in communication link in emergencies. And if you're lucky, talk to the international Space station with that portable radio and a handheld antenna.

What can I do? You can participate in Skywarn weather events, Field day drills, help with marathons 5K runs, participate at the event site, or from the comfort of your own home.

Come out and visit and shake my hand, I'll be glad to see you.

Check out the web site or e-mail me Richard at KB3YRC@Comcast.net or Phone 717-236-1864

HRAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Make checks payable to HRAC—Membership is \$15.00 (\$7.50 if over 65) per year.
Family Membership is \$25 (Hams must reside in the same household)
Dues end December 31st.

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SIGNATURE _____

I agree to abide by the guidelines of the membership and The Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc.

Join the Gang

