



HRAC meets the  
second Wednesday of  
each month at 7:00 pm

At the Vietnam  
Veterans of America

8000 Derry St,  
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# **Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club Newsletter**

## **From The Desk of The President**

I am not sure if you all have heard, but the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club is hosting a hamfest Saturday October 17, 2020. We lost a big opportunity this summer when we were not permitted to host the Firecracker hamfest in July, so now that restrictions have eased a bit, we now present an indoor, and outdoor event called, **OktoberFest**.

What this means to members is that we will need your help to make this happen. We need volunteers to help with a few things: Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> we need people to help place road signs to direct vendors, and guests to the site of the fest. If you are able to help, contact me by text at **717-979-9515**, and be sure to include your name and call sign in the text.

The day of **OktoberFest** we will need help to collect money and issue tickets as guests and vendors arrive, and direct them where to park, depending on how they will be selling, or not selling. We also need help at the doors to direct visitors, and inside to assist in all needs that arise during the event, Again, contact me at the number above.

There are day to day expenses involved in any club, and the way we help to pay these expenses is to host hamfests. I know, we could have bake sales, or hold raffles, but most of us bake by going to Giant, or Karnes and purchase something prepared. Please step up and help.

This time of the year is a great time to get involved in some of the outdoor operating events. A club member, Joe W3JPH, has been burning up the airwaves participating in Parks On The Air. Check with Joe to find out more. A simple setup can really get results, and if you are into social distancing, it is a great way to do it, and get out of the basement.

73, I'll see you at the next meeting, or at **OktoberFest** .

Terry (WB3BKN)

**W3UU - Harrisburg Radio Amateurs' Club OktoberFest**

**Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**OKTOBERFEST**

**Electronics Expo and Hamfest**



**Vietnam Veterans of America**

**8000 Derry Street**

**Harrisburg, PA 17101**

**7:00 am to 11:00 am**

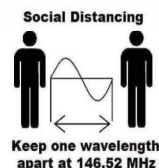
- 🎃 Admission **\$5.00** per person
- 🎃 Sellers can **tailgate** in parking lot or have table(s) inside;
- 🎃 **Tables inside - \$5.00 each.**
- 🎃 **Tailgate spot - \$5.00 each.**
- 🎃 DXCC/WAS/VUCC QSL card checking on site
- 🎃 License Exam Testing: 9:00 AM
  - Must Pre-Register @ <http://www.w3uu.org/license-exams/>
- 🎃 Coffee and snacks available

**No reserved table space.**

Unloading can be done at the main doors, and then move vehicle to parking area.

**Temperature screening at door.**

Masks and distancing encouraged.



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## Volunteer Examiner Report

Next session VVA 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg. PA @ the Oktober Hamfest tests start at 9:00 AM. Anyone interested must preregister. <http://www.w3uu.org/license-exams/>



Steven, KA3PDQ

## Your License

If you didn't already know the next time you renew or get a license there will be a \$50.00 fee!

Yes, that's right the federal government has decided that the free ride is over and there will now be a fee assessed to every new, renewed or modified license grant except for change of address. The way it is to work is you will need your FRN number and pay the Feds direct, As of now the VE Team will NOT be handling any of the payments. So we will have to see if this slows the growth of Amateur Radio. So for the 10 year life of your license that's only \$5.00 a year.



## Upcoming Programs for 2020

**October 14 - Club Meeting at VVA 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg**

**October 17 – Fall Hamfest**

Please consider stepping up to make a presentation during one of the meetings that has an availability to do so. I know that everyone has an expertise in something, and can bring something to the table. Do more than consider, DO it.



**Work continues of the trailer. Who is that masked man?**

## September 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The September 9, 2020 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1900 HRS by the President, Terry Snyder (WB3BKN).

The September meeting of the HRAC was held at the Vietnam Veterans Association Building, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA. Due to the continuing COVID – 19 pandemic those in attendance took the recommended precautions.

**Secretary Report** – The minutes of the August 9, 2020 meeting were sent via email to the membership and read at the meeting. Bob, (K3RTS) made a motion to accept the minutes as read. George (AC3EA) seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**Treasurers Report** – Dave (KC3MG) The Treasurers report was read. Motion to accept was made by Chuck (N3WL) and seconded by Neil (N3JQM) Motion Carried.

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

**Equipment Trustee** – All equipment was accounted for and insured.

**Repeater Committee** – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that all the antenna and associated hardware was in the hands of the site owner and awaiting installation

**Laurel VE Committee** – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next exam session scheduled is schedule for October 17, 2020. The location is to be 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg.

**Membership Committee** – Tim (W4NKC) reported that we have 77 members with 50 also belonging to the ARRL.

**Newsletter Editor** – Terry (WB3BKN), reported that the Club is once again in search of a newsletter editor.

If interested contact the President. Till then articles can still be submitted via the gmail account. Articles should be in plain English with NO abbreviations.

Please send articles to [HRAC.Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:HRAC.Newsletter@gmail.com). With a deadline of 7 days Before the end of the month.

**Web Page** – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that there were no changes.

**Emergency Communications** – Terry (WB3BKN) reported on changes in the Dauphin County ARES/RACES group.

Upcoming events are in flux due to the COVID-19 virus.

Classes are available on Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @7:00 PM.

**DXCC** – No Report

**Ham Feast** – No Report

**Hamfest Committee** – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that the Winter Hamfest is tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2021 at the Vietnam Veterans of America Building. The group then had a discussion about a Hamfest to be held in October 2020. The VVA was available for the event. It was decided to proceed with the event in case the Winterfest was cancelled. A date of October 17 was selected. Tailgating as well as Amateur Radio testing were to be available. Flyers were to be created. The President asked for all Club Members to assist in this quickly evolving event.

**ARRL Field Day** - No Report

**Elmer Time** – None

**Old Business** – A new storage unit at lower cost has been obtained. Terry (WB3BKN) expressed the need for shelving for the unit so that material could be stored without damage.

**New Business** – There was continued discussion about improvements to the trailer.

**Good of the Club** –

**Adjournment** – With no further business Dave (KC3MG) made a motion to adjourn at 1953 hours. Bob (K3RTS) seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ

**1. Who may select a desired call sign under the vanity call sign rules?**

- A. Only an amateur licensee who has been licensed continuously for more than 10 years
- B. Only licensed amateurs with an extra class license.
- C. Any licensed amateur
- D. Only licensed amateurs with general or extra class licenses

**2. What type of control is being used when the control operator is at the control point?**

- A. Unattended control
- B. Local control
- C. Automatic control
- D. Radio control

**3. Which of the following describes the muting of receiver audio controlled solely by the presence or absence of an RF signal?**

- A. Carrier squelch
- B. Tone squelch
- C. CTCSS
- D. Modulated carrier

**4. What is the preamble in a formal traffic message?**

- A. The first paragraph of the message text
- B. The message number
- C. The priority handling indicator for the message
- D. The information needed to track the messages as it passes through the amateur radio traffic handling system.

## Weekly HRAC Net

The weekly information net is held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM on the 146.760 repeater, except for the second Wednesday of the month, which is club meeting night.

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

### 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** 28.495 MHz USB

Ham Shack Talk Net - Monday at 9 PM: 28.335 MHz. Delaware

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

10 Meter Ragchew Net - Every evening starting 7:30PM: 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 starting at 8:30 PM.

Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Information net at 7 pm on 146.76 (100 Hz tone) every Wednesday except club meeting night, which is listed at the top of the first page of this newsletter.



## **From the Editor's Desk**

Without your contributions to this newsletter, there is nothing to report, and the paper suffers. Keep those cards and letters coming in. Take pictures of things that you do and share them with us. Do not send articles to my personal email address. Send them to the address below.

**Please note the new email address for articles:**

**Hrac.newsletter@gmail.com**

Tnx 73

Editor: None **POSITION AVAILABLE**

# 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.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ -CALL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member: Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ \* YEAR FIRST LICENSED \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Join the Gang

