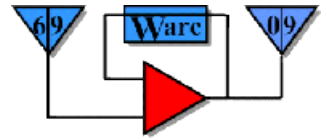




FEEDBACK



Web Site k3dn.org

Warminster Amateur Radio Club

August 2009

Next Meeting Aug. 6th - Battleship USS New Jersey

President's Message



Public Service

As it says on the ARRL website, "Public service communication has been a traditional responsibility of the Amateur Radio Service since 1913." Providing public service in a variety of ways is a very important part of amateur radio operation. In fact, public service is one of the major reasons ham radio continues to exist. The portions of the radio spectrum reserved for ham radio operation are considered prime "real estate" by a variety of commercial interests. It is because of ham radio's ability to provide emergency communications and other public services that the lobbying efforts of those interests have not been successful in taking our frequencies. Legislation such as PRB1 (and Pennsylvania's Act 88) and the latest efforts to ease deed restrictions on antenna structures would not be happening if we did not provide vital public services. The public service aspect of ham radio is what keeps our hobby alive and allows us to do all the other things we like to do with radio.

There are many ways hams can provide a service to the public. One is in providing emergency communications in times of natural and man-made disaster. Some of the best-known examples in the past few years are Hurricane Katrina and the September 11 attack. In both cases, virtually all other forms of communication broke down or were overwhelmed, and ham radio operators were the only source of communication until those other services could be reestablished. But hams have provided vital emergency

communications in countless other situations over the years – often with little publicity or recognition. Getting messages in and out of flooded areas, providing communications in tornado-ravaged locations, and establishing vital communication links with emergency services for people in remote areas are services frequently provided by amateur radio operators. Hams who are a part of ARES are constantly training and preparing to provide services when emergencies happen.

Another public service involves the weather. Hams who are involved in Skywarn and the Hurricane Watch Net for example, provide vital information on severe weather that can be used by weather services, local emergency services, and the public. There are numerous examples where the information provided by these dedicated hams has saved lives.

Yet another example is the National Traffic System. Although far less active today because phone and Internet services have become highly dependable, the hams active in the NTS continue to pass a surprisingly large number of messages from one place to another as a service to the public. People in remote locations and those who are unable to access other services still depend on the NTS to pass vital messages.

There are also opportunities to provide a service to the public locally. WARC provides a number of public services to our communities. Every year we provide communication support for several walks and runs. Usually we station hams along the route of the event to help insure safety, provide information to event officials on the

progress of the event, and call for emergency assistance if needed. We also provide communications for local parades. We help communicate information between parade officials, keep officials up to date on the progress of the parade, and provide extra sets of eyes ready to report any problems or emergencies. We provide similar services to the Moonlight Memories car show in Hatboro and the Polish Festival at the Shrine of Czestochowa. Many of our members also volunteer to help provide communications in events such as the MS 150 bike ride. Sometimes we even set up a special event station at a community event to provide more recognition for the event and the people who have organized it. Although we often receive no publicity and little recognition, we are providing a valuable and sometimes vital service to the community.

Ok, so what are you doing to fulfill your responsibility as a ham to provide public service? If you already participate in some of the opportunities above or others I did not list, fantastic! If you are looking for a way to participate in public service, hopefully I have given you some ideas. If you have not yet been a part

(Continued on page 2)

The Warminster Amateur Radio Club is a volunteer-based organization. Without the selfless work performed by volunteers such as yourself, there would be no Club.



PROGRAMS

Thursday August 6, 2009 – Battleship USS New Jersey

We have Dave Burgess / WA2TVS, who is the Chief Engineer for BNJARS, coming to Warminster ARC to make a presentation on the BNJ Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS) and the Battleship USS New Jersey. Information on their organization is located at: <http://www.nj2bb.org/>

September 3, 2009 - Duke's Travelogue – Possibly Nepal and the Himalayas

October 1, 2009 - Presentation on Digital and D-Star

November 5, 2009 - Rick Lamb from HRO

December 3, 2009 - Holiday Dinner

(Continued from page 1)

of a public service activity, why not start by joining one of the WARC sponsored activities. Several are coming up this summer and fall. Remember, as I said earlier, the public service aspect of ham radio is what keeps our hobby alive and allows us to do all the other things we like to do with radio.

Warminster Amateur Radio Club General Meeting Minutes July 2, 2009

Meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Rich (AG3L) at 7:35 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS:

MINUTES FROM THE June 4, 2009 MEETING:

A motion was made, seconded and unanimous vote to accept them as printed in the Feedback Newsletter.

TREASURER REPORT- Rich (AG3L):
As given

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP- Mark (WA3QVU) and Michelle (KB3MTW):

There are currently 130 paid-up members. Since June 1, another 12 members have not renewed their memberships bring the total of non-renewed members from Jan. 1 to 24. Every member is also encouraged to join the ARRL. The club must have

at least 50% of its members as ARRL members to keep the WARC's affiliation. Currently, 87 WARC members are ARRL members. ARRL annual membership dues are \$39.00.

PUBLIC SERVICE- George (N3HBT):

July 25- Twelve radio operators will be needed for the Hatboro 'Moon Light Memories' Car Show, from noon to 5:00pm. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting.
September 5, 6 and 7 then 12 and 13 - The Polish American Festival at the Shrine of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Non-hams are welcome and encouraged to volunteer as well. [See, Burt (N3YVH) or email him at n3yvvh@k3dn.org]

CLASSES:

Rich will teach an Amateur Extra class in the fall Second Monday of September 2009 at 7 - 9 for 8 weeks

HAMFEST:

A request was made for 2010 Hamfest Flyers. These may be distributed at other area hamfests.

REPEATER- Brian (N3EXA):

We have multiple inputs to our repeater. The Quakertown input is acting up. It should be fixed by the end of the weekend. The remote receiver is 30 years old. It got hot and desoldered. Bristol input has been fixed. Abington Hospital input needs work.

FIELD DAY – Discussion:

20 Mtrs – (Steve WW3Y) 214 contacts. Some RF Interference with Digital
80/10 Mtrs – (Alan KA3YCG) 80 Mtrs = 231 QSOs, 10 Mtrs = 5 QSOs
40 Mtrs – (Mark N3GNW) 470+ QSOs
Flex Radio - (Mark N3GNW) Tried it. It worked.
Food - (Mark N3GNW) Plenty of good food. Not enough tables.
Publicity – (Tim WA3BDV) Took a friend from work and his two sons on a tour of the Field Day site. They were impressed.

PROGRAMS- Rich (AG3L):

August 6, 2009 – Battleship USS New Jersey We have Dave Burgess/ WA2TVS, who is the Chief Engineer for BNJARS, coming to Warminster ARC to make a presentation on the BNJ Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS) and the Battleship USS New Jersey. Information on their organization is located at: <http://www.nj2bb.org/>
September 3, 2009 - Duke's Travelogue – Possibly Nepal and the Himalayas
October 1, 2009 - Presentation on Digital and D-Star
November 5, 2009 - Rick Lamb from HRO
December 3, 2009 - Holiday Dinner

OLD BUSINESS:

Vote to change Alumni Dues from \$ 8.00 to \$ 10.00.
Mark (N3GNW) made a motion that Alumni membership dues be changed from a dollar amount (\$ 8.00 to \$

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

10.00) to one half Regular member dues instead of a specific dollar amount. Motion was seconded. This would bring the dues into line with a Full – Half – Quarter schedule. WARC Constitution & Bylaws, Article I – Membership:
 Regular Members: Full dues – Shall have all privileges
 Alumni Members: Half dues – Former members who are unable to attend meetings and corporation activities on a regular basis due to health considerations or travel impediments.
 Associate Members: Quarter dues - All other persons interested in Amateur Radio.
 Alumni and Associate members shall have all membership privileges except voting and election to office.
 Motion passed 27:4

NEW BUSINESS:

A thank you was made for our retiring treasurer (Denise, KB3ANO). We appreciate your years of service and all of the work you did for our club. Two file drawers of material were turned over to Rich (AG3L) our new TEMPORARY treasurer.

Rich (AG3L) does not want to hold two Board offices. He is already the club Vice President. He is uncertain as to whether he will continue in the position of VP, or switch to Treasurer.

50/50:

Adam (KB3JCP)

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM:

"Get on the Air Night" coordinated by Michael (KB1JEY). Elmers and their supplied equipment:

Michael KB1JEY:

30 amp Power Pole connectors. Donating 3 Cen-Tech 7 Function Multi-Testers to be raffled off. Helped with the antenna analyzer.

Mark WA3QVU

Tek scope donated to the club over a year ago by Bud, K3TPM. 45 amp Power Pole connectors.

Ron NY3J

Help anyone needing assistance in

getting their packet and PSK31 equipment working.

Irwin KB3TB

Instructed the connection of Anderson Power Poles. Assisted in programming an ICOM 706.

Mark N3GNW

Demonstrated PL-259 soldering

Members were requested to bring hand tools, extension cords, power strips, and soldering tools as well as whatever cables, plugs and supplies that are needed

Additionally, George N3HBT asked for some help putting up a new antenna for the club station.

Submitted:

WDØESL, Club Secretary
 July 7, 2009

CLUB STATION

The WARC club station is open to anyone with an interest, on Tuesday evenings between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 pm. For further information, call George Brechmann N3HBT at 215-443-5656.

WARC ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

Attention all former WARC members. At the March 4, 1999 General Meeting, revisions to our club's constitution were approved that among other things, establishes a new Alumni membership category for former WARC members who are unable to attend meeting and Club activities on a regular basis due to health considerations or travel impediments. Dues for the Alumni membership were established at \$8.00 annually to cover the costs of printing and mailing our monthly FEEDBACK newsletter. Contact Alumni Coordinator Randy Gehman (N3LJE) or Membership co-chair Mark Hinkel (WA3QVU) for more information.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

If you want to have your picture taken to be placed on the 'Members Photos'

section of the www.k3dn.org website, please email Mark Hinkel at mrhinkel@verizon.net or myself Michelle at mal61@comcast.net with your interest. If we get enough people who are interested, I will pass the info on and then we will have camera ready at the following club meeting. Remember to bring your best face!"

The Membership Committee has badges and Club cards for you to pick up. If you do not have a Warminster Amateur Radio Club badge or card with your picture on it, please stop by and visit your Membership Chairs, Mark Hinkel - WA3QVU or Michelle London - KB3MTW at the WARC monthly meetings. Otherwise, please contact Membership at: WARCmembership@K3DN.org. Thank you.

PUBLIC SERVICE

August 23rd The Livestrong Challenge Event. If you are interested in signing up, go to <http://www.mcraces.com>.

September 5, 6, 7, 12 and 13- The Polish American Festival at the Shrine of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Non-hams are welcome and encouraged to volunteer as well. [See, Burt (N3YVH) or email him at n3yvvh@k3dn.org]

October 3 and 4 - The Bike MS City To Shore 2009 bike tour. Communication specialists - licensed hams are needed. You can visit: <https://www.ruh.info/ms150comm.nsf/Signup?OpenForm>. Fill out the form including shirt size located at the bottom.

Afterward you have to click on the button below the following line, **IMPORTANT: Please complete and mail or fax this volunteer consent form:.** MS 150 Sign-up sheets were land mailed

WARC JACKETS, SHIRTS AND HATS

Are available. Delivery within one month of placing order- the more we order, the lower the prices. See Burt (N3YVH) for order forms and cost information.

FIELD DAY 2009 PHOTOS



to those that participated last year.

[see, Michelle (KB3MTW)]

2009 Contest Calendar

August	1 - 2 ARRL UHF Contest 15 - 16 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
September	12 - 13 ARRL September VHF QSO Party 19 - 20 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
October	10 - 11 ARRL International EME Competition
November	7 - 8 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW) 7 - 8 ARRL International EME Competition 21 - 22 ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)
December	4 - 6 ARRL 160 Meter Contest 5 - 6 ARRL International EME Competition Rules 12 - 13 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

➤ ATLANTIC DIV. HAMFESTS - 2009

8 Aug 2009 + Reading Radio Club <http://www.readingradioclub.org> Sinking Spring, PA Heritage Park Clematis Street

9 Aug 2009 + Tri State Amateur Radio Association <http://www.k3tsa.com> Matamoras, PA Matamoras Airport Park 9th Street Extension

16 Aug 2009 + Carroll County Tailgate Fest Carroll County Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.qis.net/~k3pzn> Westminster, MD

Carroll County Agricultural Center 700 Agriculture Center Drive

16 Aug 2009 + Hamfest by the Shore Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society <http://www.jsars.org> Toms River, NJ

Riverwood Recreation Center Riverwood Drive & Whitesville Road

12 Sep 2009 + Pocono Area Hamfest Eastern Pennsylvania ARA & Pocono ARK

<http://www.qsl.net/n3is/hamfest/index.html>

Stroudsburg, PA Stroudsburg Junior High School 1198 Chipperfield Drive

20 Sep 2009 + Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club <http://www.w2mmd.com> Mullica Hill, NJ 4-H Fairgrounds 275 Bridgeton Pike

26 Sep 2009 * Mid-Atlantic States VHF Conference Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club (PACKRATS) <http://www.packratvhf.com>

Plymouth Meeting, PA Mt. Carmel Club 1210 East Ridge Pike

27 Sep 2009 + Hamarama Mt. Airy VHF Club <http://www.packratvhf.com/Hamarama/hamarama.html>

Wrightstown, PA Middletown Grange #684 576 Penns Park Road

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must bring two forms of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC'S 2009 test fee is **\$15.00**.

Warminster Amateur Radio Club, Monthly, Last Wed. 7:00 pm at the Warminster Recreational and Educational Center on Little Lane.

George Brechmann (215) 443-5656.

Atco, NJ, The fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. Winslow Township Senior Center, 33 Cooper Folly Road, 08004-2603.

Mark (K2AX) jtra@comcast.net

Levittown, PA, Monthly, 1st Saturday - George LeNoir, WR3B, 215-943-4886.

Telford, PA, Monthly, RF Hill ARC. 3rd Monday at the Indian Valley Library.

Charles Schmell, KB3CEZ, 215-257-6368 days 215-538-7458 evenings.

Philadelphia, PA, Testing is done on the

4th, non holiday Thursday of the month at the, Community Ambulance Association of Ambler, 1414 E Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002 at 7:00 PM We also are

testing on Saturdays at least once per quarter at 9:00 AM. For further information contact James McCloskey at jmccloskey@msn.com and by phone 215-275-2979.

Lansdale, PA Testing on the first non-holiday Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 PM. The Lansdale Library Community Room Vine St. and Susquehanna Ave. Lansdale, Pa. Registration is required 48 hrs. or more before the scheduled exam date. If there are no registrations the scheduled exam date will be canceled. NO WALK-INS. You can register by contacting:

Olaf N. Markert ----- Phone (610) 517-5074, E-mail w3pa@arrl.net

SKYWARN INFORMATION

MOUNT HOLLY NWSFO SKYWARN Weekly Information Net: EVERY THURSDAY AT 21:00 HOURS
SKYWARN Net Repeater Listing/ Streaming Audio of scheduled SKYWARN Net: <http://www.skywarnnet.net>
You do NOT have to be a certified SKYWARN Weather Spotter to check into the Net

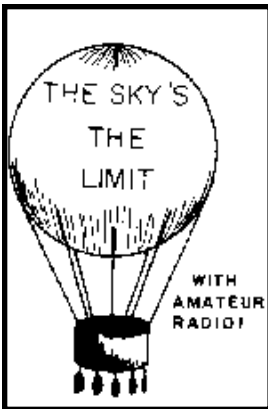
Bucks County SKYWARN Weather Spotter PRIMARY FREQUENCY: 147.300MHZ (+ 131.8)
 Fairless Hills, PA (many remote access locations throughout Bucks County)

Mount Holly NWSFO SKYWARN Homepage:
<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/phi/skywarn/index.html>

SKYWARN Basic Weather Spotter Educational Programs URL:
<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/phi/skywarn/training.html#sched>

➤ **CLUB EQUIPMENT**

WARC has purchased four Vertex Standard 2-meter HT's that are available for use by members of the club. The HT's are available on a month-by-month basis and have been purchased primarily to help new hams get on the air. However, they may also be used by any club member who is in need of a temporary 2-meter radio. They are also available for use by participants in WARC's public service activities. DE, Larry Abbott WA3ELQ
WA3ELQ@k3dn.org
 215-443-7521



*The Warminster Amateur Radio Club
 Announces Free Ham Radio Instructional Classes*

If you're interested in Ham Radio, or think you might be, this is your opportunity. Perhaps you'd like to learn about digital communications, Morse code, VHF, UHF, satellite, or perhaps you'd rather sit down and chat with someone in South Africa, Russia, Great Britain or in the space shuttle.

For further information contact: Rich Enwright at 215-357-9055 or George Brechmann at 215-443-5656

Amateur Extra Classes starting September 14th and running for 8 weeks. 7-9 PM.

Area Repeaters

VHF

- 145.310 R.F. Hill
- 145.350 Doylestown R.C.
- 145.250 Penn Wireless
- 145.330 Hilltown
- 146.670 DVRA
- 146.685 Holmesburg
- 146.925 Willingboro
- 147.000 Ham Buergers
- 147.030 Phil-Mont
- 147.090 Warminster
- 147.270 Frankford
- 147.300 BEARS
- 147.390 CBRA

220

- 224.580 PackRats
- 223.76 K3NAL

UHF

- 442.650 DVRA
- 443.250 TAG
- 443.050 Metro-Comm
- 443.950 Warminster
- 444.200 BEARS
- 449.325 KA3WXV
- 447.475 WR3B
- 447.625 WE3E
- 448.225 Penn Wireless

D-STAR

- 447.625 K3PDR DStar DV

6 Mtr

- 53.030 WA3BXW
- 53.230 N3DQZ
- 53.320 K3MFI

Bucks County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (BCARES)

www.bucksares.org
 Bucks County ARES will be on the air Wednesdays, at 9:00 PM . We will be using Warminster Amateur Radio Club's repeater on 147.090, pl 131.8. This net is linked as shown in the Net Schedule box for the Wednesday night net. It may also be linked to 147.300.

Telpac Stations on:

- Upper NJ3A-10 145.610 Riegelsville
- Central KB3BUX-10 145.670 Ivyland Home frequency
- Lower NY3J-10 145.530 Bensalem

Net Schedules

Sunday	2100	10 Meter Net	28.445 MHz
Wednesday	2030	2 Meter Net	147.09 Rptr.
Wednesday	2030	Linked w/ 2 Meter Net	443.95
Rptr. Wednesday	2030	Linked w/ 2 Meter Net	53.230 Rptr.
Sunday	2030	Informal Net	223.5 Simplex
Thursday	1900	Mont. Cnty RACES Net	146.835 Rptr.

Are you submitting an article for the Feedback ?

Contributions of articles to be published are always accepted for consideration. Please follow these guidelines:

- Submit in IBM format on a floppy disk.
- Or via E-Mail to:
wa4ywm@comcast.net
- Or via snail mail to:
FEEDBACK EDITOR
Warminster Amateur Radio Club
Box 113
Warminster, Pa 18974
- Use both upper and lower case letters.
- Use your program's spell check.
- If you don't have a computer, then typewritten sheets are o.k. but please use both upper and lower case.
- Put your name and call at the beginning or end of the article, and show credits if you are using material from another source.
- Deadline for articles is the Thursday after the Club meeting.
- Volunteers are needed for folding at the Board Meeting, Ben Wilson Center, last Thursday of the month, 7:30 PM.

Bucks Bagels
1179 York road (RT. 263)
Warminster, PA
674-1400

"Home of the fresh, not frozen dough"

The annual dues rate structure is as follows:

Full Member:	\$ 20.00
2nd Family Member:	\$ 10.00
Student:	\$ 10.00
Alumni:	\$ 10.00
Associate:	\$ 5.00

- Are your dues current ?
- Check the date on your Feedback mailing label.

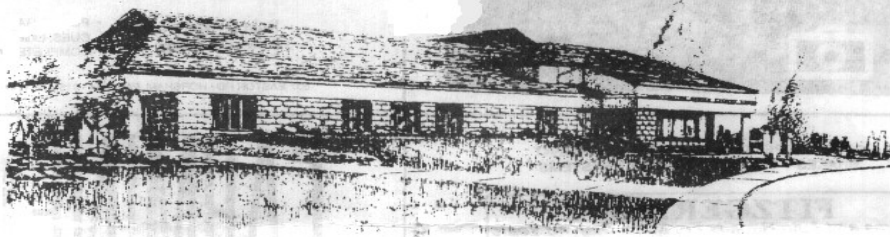
2009 Officers

Executive Officers

President	Larry Abbott	WA3ELQ	215-443-7521
Vice-President	Richard Luce	AG3L	215-441-8264
Secretary	Frank Clayton	WD0ESL	215-957-2343
Treasurer	Richard Luce	AG3L	215-441-8264
Director (E)	Michelle London	KB3MTW	215-672-7578
Director (E)	Mark Kempisty	N3GNW	215-953-1493
Director (A)	Al Konschak	WI3Z	215-491-9941
Director (A)	Michael Davis	KB1JEY	215-646-6011
Past President	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656

Committee Chairpersons

Archives	Burt Ludin	N3YVH	267-781-0603
ARES Liason	Denise Burstein	KB3ANO	215-355-1150
Arlr Liason	Richard Luce	AG3L	215-441-8264
Awards Manager	Vince Pironti	KD3TC	215-674-0446
Classes	Rich Enwright	KB3NRL	215-357-9055
Digital and APRS	Ron Wenig	NY3J	215-638-9257
DXpedition	Doc Whitticar	W3GAD	215-968-6397
Feedback Editor	Jim Elmore	WA4YWM	215-538-1889
Field Day 09	Rich Enwright	KB3NRL	215-357-9055
Fundraising	Adam Huffnagle	KB3JCP	215-442-9526
Hamfest 09	Michael Davis	KB1JEY	215-646-6011
Hamwear	Burt Ludin	N3YVH	267-781-0603
Holiday Dinner	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
Interference	Mark Kempisty	N3GNW	215-953-1493
Membership	Michelle London	KB3MTW	215-672-7578
Membership	Mark Hinkel	WA3QVU	215-659-4449
Net Manager	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
PA QSO Party	Mark Kempisty	N3GNW	215-953-1493
Publicity	Dan Myers	KB3IBQ	215-957-2343
RACES Liason	Chris McCormack	N3JHR	215-969-2626
Refreshments	Doc Morein	KA3RAU	215-542-0593
Refreshments	Randy Gehman	N3LJE	215-822-9473
Repeater Cooridinator	Brian Taylor	N3EXA	215-257-6303
Satellite	Joe Bagnick	N3EMA	215-997-2539
Skywarn Liason	Mike Patton	W3MJP	215-491-9665
Station Trustee	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
Sunshine Club	Vince Pironti	KD3TC	215-674-0446
Township Liason	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
VE License Testing	Larry Abbott	WA3ELQ	215-443-7521
VHF/UHF/MW	Al Sheppard	N3ITT	610-847-5490
Website Coordinator	Al Konschak	WI3Z	215-491-9941
Youth Programs	Richard Luce	AG3L	215-441-8264
Youth Programs	Steve Larson	WW3Y	215-822-1511

Club Station**Meetings****Talk To Us**

The Club Station - K3DN - is located at the Benjamin Wilson Senior Center, Delmont Avenue, Warminster, PA. The station is open for club members and the interested general public on non-holiday Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm . The station is fully operational on HF (80 meters through 10 meters) both phone and CW. There is an assortment of amateur radio shareware which may be copied under the shareware licensing agreement.

For additional information on the Club Station please call the Station Manager N3HBT - George at 215-443-5656.

- WARC Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Benjamin Wilson Senior Center, Delmont Avenue, Warminster, PA. Talk in is available on the 147.09 & 443.950 repeaters.

For general club correspondence:

k3dn@k3dn.org

For Feedback articles:

wa4ywm@comcast.net

Visit our Home Page at:

<http://www.k3dn.org>

**Federal Communications
Commission**

1270 Fairfield Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

License Information

800-322-1117 - M-F 0800-1630

Fax-On-Demand 202-418-0177

FEEDBACK

Warminster Amateur Radio Club
Box 113
Warminster, Pa 18974

**Address Service Requested. If
Undeliverable, Return to Sender.**