



FEEDBACK



Web Site k3dn.org

Warminster Amateur Radio Club

January 2014

Next Meeting January 2nd , 2014 – Brainstorming

President's Message

Presidents Message from Irwin, KD3TB

I write this message as 2013 is quickly coming to an end. It must be my age because the years seem to be flying by. Santa has arrived and remembered the new Yamaha headphones and amplifier/tuner for my KX3. I was really impressed with the integration between the new KXPA100-AT-F and the KX3 Radio. The amp and tuner can be totally controlled by the KX3 and Power Output and SWR appear on the KX3 Screen. Elecraft has done it again. We made our annual trip down to HRO this past week to play with some of the newer Japanese toys. This gives us an opportunity to play with them without the crowds found at Dayton. There are a lot of good HF radios at a price point for the beginner. When it comes to their high end stuff, it seems they believe there must be a high button to price ratio to justify the costs. SDR Radios still seem to be driven by the US companies Elecraft and Flex.

December has brought some strange weather and great band conditions. We had enough snow for the grandkids to go sledding down our small back yard hill and then came the 70 degrees.....Mother Nature must be having some fun with us. Who would have expected a second peak for this solar cycle in November and December. Great openings on 10 meters that I have not seen in years. Plus two good Dx'peditions with the VU7AG Lakshadweep Island and T33A Banaba Island . I even worked the P29FR Papa New Guinea station on 20 Meters. All new ones for me. I missed the K9W Wake Island Dx'pedition. The VU7AG station would occasionally send the letters 'ATNO' in CW. This was a new one for many of us Dx'ers. Do you know what it means?

If you missed the Holiday Dinner, you missed a great time. We had over 60 Members and Spouses enjoying some great food and social gathering. Our January meeting will feature a Brainstorming Session on meeting topics for this coming year. We have had a lot of different presentations over the last few years. Now we are looking for some ideas on what topics are of interest to our members. Your input is vital to the club. Bill, K3ZMA, and Jim, WA4YWM, have been working on some much needed updates to our Club Constitution. Larry, WA3ELQ, will be presenting these updates at the January meeting to our membership. The process requires the Board to present the updates for consideration at a club meeting, they next be posted in the Feedback, and finally voted on by the membership at a club meeting.

The ARRL Centennial Convention with Hotel Reservations now available and advanced Ticket Sales starting in January. We hope that many of the vendors who show up at the Dayton Hamvention will also be in Hartford, Connecticut for this Convention. More information can be found on the ARRL website - www.arrl.org

Remember our club dues are due in January. You can pay on line at our Club Web site - www.k3dn.org. Your dues help support many club activities including our repeater.

It has been a tough year for our family and many of our friends. So, we are hoping for a better year in 2014.

I hope to see everyone at the January meeting - Thursday, January 2nd.

Get on the air..... and 73's - Irwin KD3TB

FOR SALE

Factory new on spool, Belden 9913 for sale.
email w3icc@Hotmail.com for details.

73, Drex

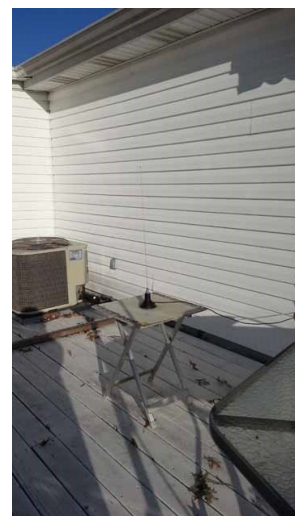
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STATION OF THE MONTH - KB3MTW



An MFJ-1775 6 band antenna. 2, 6, 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters. It doesn't resonate too well on 2 meters.



These pictures are my Diamond X30A 2m/70cm Base station antenna and a Hustler 222 mag mount.

STATION OF THE MONTH(CONT) - KB3MTW

As a follow up some requested pictures of my Ham shack located in the dining room. It will eventually be moved to the 2nd bedroom/office, but in the meantime the dining room was closest to the deck.

I have a 30 amp Astron PS. A FT857D all mode HF/VHF/UHF radio and an Alinco DR-235 222 fm. I'm hoping to expand into the upper microwave bands - 902/1296 soon.

A CELEBRITY IN OUR MIDST.

We have a celebrity in the club. This is a shot of the mural on the side of the Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia. The tall gentleman is **W13Y**, Dave Simpson. You can see that he is holding the leash of the Lab next to him. I don't know the story of how this came about but if I find out, I will publish it in a future issue of Feedback.



A NOTE FROM A PAST MEMBER

Warminster Amateur Radio Club (WARC)
Warminster, PA 18974

Hi Guys-
K3WST
736 Dobell Terrace NW
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
November 25, 2013

Yes, I'm still around. My ticket is still active but I'm not on the air much down here in Florida. What the heck, I'm getting old! My wife Ruth passed away in September, 2012, but I still travel up to Wildwood, NJ in the summer.

As promised in an earlier note, I wanted to just send something for the Treasury, since you have been nice enough to keep me on the "members" (email) list, even though I have not been paying dues. To tell the truth I forget about it without a reminder (I did say I'm getting old - Good excuse?). I still sing with the barbershoppers and I do have to learn words and music, so I guess the memory is not totally gone. The local club has a room at the "Cultural Center" where they interface with the public and sell or repair equipment. I used to go to the monthly meetings, but they changed the date to the same evening as barbershop practice.

I watched the video about the new repeater and all the satellite stations. Great video (but needs focusing in some areas). I am greatly im_pressed by the equipment the club now has. I also looked over the silent keys- some good friends there ... I also recognize most of the officers. Some of the same guys are still doing the work. I notice Alan Ash is now secretary. I knew him when he was a little kid - His parents were good friends of ours. Some of you may remember when I put out the club bulletin Feedback for a while.

Anyhow- here's a check for \$50. Do what you will with it- I owe you all! Thanks for maintaining a very interesting website.

73-
Ed Lewis, K3WST

Our January meeting will be a Brainstorming Session

At our January 5th meeting we are going to try something new. We are looking forward to 2014 and, with your input, decide the future of the club. We are going to try the management technique called BRAINSTORMING, Effective brainstorming can be accomplished by following simple brainstorming do's and don'ts with your team. A brainstorming session is a tool for generating as many ideas or solutions as possible to a problem or issue. It is not a tool for determining the best solution to a problem or issue.

Just some of the issues we want to address are:

- Looking for new Board members in the club, as this is Irwin's last year as President.
- What kind of meeting night programs do YOU want to see?
- Hamfest ideas for 2014 and beyond.
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- Club Station upgrade. Does it make sense?
- New computer for club station?

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- What needs to be done to recruit new hams? Young hams?
- Repeater operation.
- Echolink operation?
- D*Star operation?
- Emergency services? About right or do you want something else?
- Tours and non-meeting night get together's?
- Newsletter suggestions?
- Your input as a club member.....

Brainstorming Rules

Effective brainstorming can be accomplished by following simple brainstorming do's and don'ts with your team. A brainstorming session is a tool for generating as many ideas or solutions as possible to a problem or issue. It is not a tool for determining the best solution to a problem or issue.

Before beginning any effective brainstorming session, ground rules must be set. This does not mean that boundaries are set so tightly that you can't have fun or be creative. It does mean that a code of conduct for person to person interactions has been set. It's when this code of conduct is breached that people stop being creative.

The best way to have meaningful groundrules is to have the team create their own. Try performing a mini-brainstorming session around creating brainstorming groundrules. It should provide a nice opportunity to practice the skills necessary for an effective brainstorming session. This also allows the team to take ownership of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors. Only if the team hasn't addressed the key groundrules should you (as the facilitator) add to the list. Once the groundrules list is generated, be sure to gain consensus that the session will be conducted according to them, and post them in a highly visible location in the room.

With that, here are four key groundrules that are useful when conducting a brainstorming session:

- 1. There are no dumb ideas.** Period. It is a brainstorming session, not a serious matter that requires only serious solutions. Remember, this is one of the more fun tools of quality, so keep the entire team involved!
- 2. Don't criticize other people's ideas.** This is not a debate, discussion or forum for one person to display superiority over another.
- 3. Build on other people's ideas.** Often an idea suggested by one person can trigger a bigger and/or better idea by another person. Or a variation of an idea on the board could be the next "velcro" idea. It is this building of ideas that leads to out of the box thinking and fantastic ideas.
- 4. Reverse the thought of "quality over quantity."** Here we want quantity; the more creative ideas the better. As a facilitator, you can even make it a challenge to come up with as many ideas as possible and compare this team's performance to the last brainstorming session you conducted.

Thanks!!

Rich, AG3L

CLUB INFO**PUBLIC SERVICE****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

An Alumni membership category is available for WARC members who are unable to attend meetings and club activities on a regular basis because of health considerations, travel impediments, or other hardships. Dues for the Alumni membership are \$10.00 annually. Please contact the Membership Committee for more information if interested."

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Membership Committee can provide Club badges. Two types are available: an engraved plastic callsign and name badge for \$5 or a free, laminated plastic, photo ID badge/card. The photo id badge is included with your membership when a facial photo is provided by you. Please see members' photos on club website for proper facial composition. If you do not have at least a Warminster Amateur Radio Club badge with your picture on it, please contact your Membership Chairs at the WARC monthly meetings. Otherwise, please contact Membership by email at: membership@k3dn.org.

If you want to have your picture taken to be placed on the 'Members' Photos' section of the www.k3dn.org website, please contact Membership with your interest. When we get enough people who are interested we will post a notice in Feedback and have a camera ready at the following club meeting.

**PROGRAMS
2014**

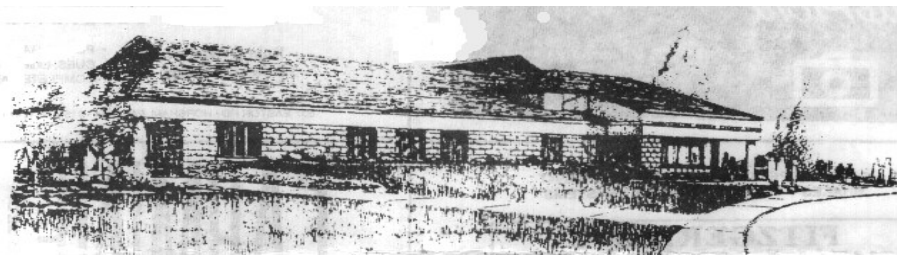
January 2 - Brainstorming

February 6 - Club Auction

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.



2014 Contest Calendar

JANUARY

1 **Straight Key Night** 0000 UTC - 2359 UTC
 4-5 **RTTY Roundup** 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 2400 UTC Sunday
 5 **Kids Day** 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC
 18-20 **January VHF** 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0359 UTC Monday

FEBRUARY

10-14 **School Club Roundup** 1300 UTC Monday through 2359 UTC Friday
 15-16 **International DX – [CW](#)** 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2359 UTC Sunday

MARCH

1-2 **International DX – [Phone](#)** 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2359 UTC Sunday

APRIL

20 **Rookie Roundup – [Phone](#)** 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC

➤ ATLANTIC DIV. HAMFESTS - 2014



Jan. 18 - Winterfest

HACC Campus, Cooper Student Union, South Hall 1 HACC Drive
 Harrisburg, PA 17101
<http://www.w3uu.org>

Jan. 26 - MMARC 2014 Post Holiday Hamfest

Odenton Volunteer Fire Company
 1425 Annapolis Road
 Odenton, MD 21113
<https://sites.google.com/site/marylandmobileers/hamfests-1/hamfest-2>

Feb. 15 - Gloucester City ARC Hamfest

Pine Grove Fire Association Fire Hall
 827-829 Jersey Avenue
 Gloucester City, NJ 08030
<http://nj2gc.org>

April 5 - Greater Baltimore Hamboree host to The Regional Emergency Preparedness Expo

Maryland State Fairgrounds
 2200 York Road
 Timonium, MD
<http://www.gbhc.org/>

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 2013 test fee is **\$15.00**.

Warminster Amateur Radio Club, Monthly, Last Mon. 7:00 pm at the Wilson Senior Community Center 580 Delmont Avenue Warminster, PA 18974 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, 3rd Monday at 6:30. Falls Township Building - Ben Johns, K3JQH, 215-657-5994

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 jmcloskey@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)

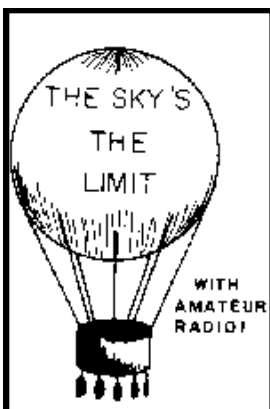
Fairless Hills, PA (many remote access locations throughout Bucks County)

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>



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 station.

For further information contact George Brechmann, N3HBT at 215-443-5656.

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.

Winlink Gateway Stations:

Upper Bucks	NJ3A-10	145.610 Riegelsville
Lower Bucks	NY3J-10	145.530 Bensalem
Montco	W3CF-10	145.950 Hatfield
Chester County	W3EOC-10	145.690

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.

➤ **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, Irwin Darack KD3TB 215-343-8170

Area Repeaters

VHF

145.310 R.F. Hill
145.350 Doylestown R.C.
146.790 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
447.475 WR3B
448.225 Penn Wireless

D-STAR

146.61000 K3PDR DV
445.18125 K3PDR DV
445.01875 AA3E Montco
RACES

6 Mtr

53.030 WA3BXW
53.230 N3DQZ
53.320 K3MFI

Are you submitting an article for the Feedback ?

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

- 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 Saturday before the regular meeting.

For general club correspondence:

k3dn@k3dn.org

Visit our Home Page at:
<http://www.k3dn.org>

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.

2013 Officers

Executive Officers

President	Irwin Darack	KD3TB	215-343-8170
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Director (A)	Brian Taylor	N3EXA	215-257-6303
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