



FEEDBACK



Warminster Amateur Radio Club Web Page www.k3dn.org

October 2000

President's Message

WARC is a club of members in the Amateur Radio Service. I think the key word here is SERVICE. As radio amateurs, we accept this commitment to service to justify the free use of the radio spectrum generously allocated to us by the FCC. Our club takes this commitment seriously, especially when it come to our own community. Warminster recognizes this and rewards this service by supporting our club in numerous ways such as providing a facility for our meetings and a tower for our repeater. The rewards are well worth the efforts in this relationship and are very much appreciated. This club functions for its members and by its members. This means devoting time and effort to the organization and the running of the club in addition to reaping the benefits. If we all just pay our dues and reap the benefits our club will cease to exist. The fact that WARC continues to grow and prosper demonstrates the dedication of those who devote themselves to making WARC the best amateur radio club in the area. You know who you are and I applaud your efforts. It is unfair though, to always depend on the same individuals to shoulder the load - as they say, many hands make the work light. We are now in need of members to fill key positions to maintain our forward momentum. Our secretary and Feedback editor currently have work responsibilities that are making it difficult to serve the club at this time and we have officer elections coming up in January. Why not consider taking a turn at filling a position. I will make sure you get all the help and support you need.

Upcoming is the Pennsylvania QSO Party, one of the two club participation contests. Club participation means that the individual scores of all participating club members are compiled together and submitted as a club score. This is a fun contest you can operate even with limited station capabilities, even working club members on 2m FM will add to the score and support the club. If you make 100 contacts you will be awarded a mug individualized with your call sign! Look for more information in this issue.

We have two public service events coming up in October. Read on for more information and contact George, N3HBT, if you can participate.

As of September 1, 2000, the FCC RF safety rules are in full force. You are responsible for your station's compliance. Look for more details in this issue.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

73,
Rocky, N3FKR
MINUTES OF THE 9/7/00 MEETING

President's Report

Ron, NY3J would like someone to replace him as Secretary due to work commitments.

A replacement Editor for the Feedback is also being sought.
Nominating Committee members are needed.

Vice President's Report

Future Meetings:

Oct. - Rick at HRO

Nov. - ARRL night

Dec. - Holiday Dinner

Treasurer's Report

Commented on the cost of the generator repair.

Classes

9/11 - A Tech class is starting.

Interest in a General class is sufficient to start one up in October.

Adopt-A-Highway

Cleanup on 9/9.

ARES

There will be a tour of the 911 center in Doylestown on 9/21 at 7:30.

Skywarn training 9/30 at 11:00 at Elkins Park Hospital.

Possible desktop exercise at end of October with Bucks County EMA.

George, N3HBT

There is continuing interference with the 2M repeater from NY and a paging system in the Princeton area.

440 repeater noise to be solved.

The antenna should be on the new tower by the end of the year.

Programming on the repeater controller continues.

Upcoming Public Service Events

9/10 - 10K run at Peace Valley Park

10/9 - Columbus Day golf outing

10/14 - Craven Hall Run 9:00-12:00

Grange Fair

Frank, N3UQP wants a co-chair for next year.

Looking at various changes for next year.

Picnic

9/17 at Core Creek Park

A vote was taken for a new WARC QSL card.

PA QSO Party

10/14 - 10/15

Logging software is available via the web site.

100 handouts available

Marty, NR3Z will collect scores.

100 contacts will win a mug.

No new business

Good and Welfare

Doc, N3GAD was in an auto accident. He was shook up but is OK.

Special Event Station Announcement

K3G U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Philadelphia, Pa.: U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, K3G, 1400 Z to 0000 Z October 21, 2000.

Commemorating the Sixty First Anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary from Coast Guard Base

Group Philadelphia. 7.232 - 14.332 - 21.332 - 28.332 QSL Info: NM3S 196 Dam View Drive Media, Pa. 19063

You are welcome to stop in to U.S. Coast Guard Group Phila. During the day to visit the Station. Address: 1 Washington Ave. - Philadelphia, Pa. More Information: Dan Amoroso - 610- 566-2187

NM3S@prodigy.net Event Co Chairs: Joe Rzucidlo - DSO- CM 5 NR Dan Amoroso - ADSO- CM 5 NR

October Public Service Events

In October the club is requested to help out with two public service events. On Monday, October 9, the Warminster Parks and Recreation department will be holding their "hole in one" golf outing at the 5 Ponds

golf course on Street road in Warminster. 10 operators will be needed for this event, which will run from 7:30 am until about 1:00 pm. A hot meal will be served after the outing. This event will benefit the

Warminster Parks and Recreation department, which has given the club space to hold our VE testing sessions and our meetings.

On Saturday, October 14, a 5K run will be held at the Craven Hall on Street road and Newtown road in Warminster. The event will run from 9:00 am until about 12:00 pm and will benefit the Craven Hall. I will need 12 operators to staff this event.

If you can help out with either of the above public service events, please contact George Brechmann N3HBT at n3hbt@juno.com or call 215-443-5656.

The Columbia Amateur Radio Association (CARA) presents the 24th annual Howard County Hamfest. Come join the fun! Bring the family! Lots of amateur radio gear, computers, electronics, and dealers!

Amateur exams will be given at no charge.

40,000 square feet of indoor display area. Inclement weather is not a problem! Large outdoor and

indoor tailgating area. Great food and refreshments on-site!

Where: Howard County Fairgrounds on Route 144 in West Friendship Maryland.
Take I-70 to MD 32 south to Route 144 west. The fairgrounds are one block west of the 32/144 intersection.

When: Sunday October 8, 2000 (8AM to 3:30PM, vendors enter 6AM)

Talk-In: 147.135/R+ (No CTCSS required on the day of the Hamfest)

Admission: \$5 per person (children under 12 FREE) Tailgating: \$10 per space Tables: \$20 (1-4), \$18 (5 or more) (Tailgate/Table prices include admission)

Tables may be reserved in advance by:

1. using our on-line registration system by following the link at <http://www.qsl.net/cara>
2. emailing John King (kb3wk@arrl.net)
3. calling John King (410)465-6324 (evenings, voicemail available)

For more information, please write to:

CARA Hamfest Committee
P.O. Box 911
Columbia, MD 21044

or send email correspondence to: cara@qsl.net or call Randy Krenz at (410)750-0379

See our Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/cara>

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