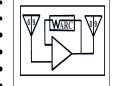


# FEEDBACK



Warminster Amateur Radio Club

Web Site http://www.k3dn.org

March 2004

## Next Meeting March 4th - Antique Radio Show and Tell

### President's Message



Now that was a great club auction last month. First let me thank those who donated all of the various items to WARC for the auction as well as all those who bid on them. The proceeds of the auction are greatly appreciated by WARC and its membership and will be put to good use as always. I would also like to personally thank our auction team (including our auctioneer Tom Michaud WA3TQJ) for the time they spent in getting the items organized, auctioned and the money collected. The club's calendar is already starting to fill in with requests for communications support at various public events. As the various dates are presented at our monthly meetings, on the web page (www.k3dn.org) or here in Feedback, please take a look at your calendar and see if you are available to assist. The organizers of the events greatly appreciate the service we provide. When all else fails, time and again amateur radio has proven to be the first link in establishing urgently needed communications.

It is also nice to see that our weather is starting to give us a break. A co-worker and I have finally been able to get out jogging at lunch time again. With the heavy weather we have had I suspect many of us are going to need to do some antenna work. (I've been wanting to get a six meter antenna up.) Do be careful if you do. As with any antenna work do not rush to try to get it done. Take your time, plan it out and check for any residual frost or ice around where you plan to work, particularly if it is an elevated location.

Once again, I hope to see you all at the May meeting.

Mark Kempisty - N3GNW President

#### March 2004

Various, England: Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, GB6OT. 0700Z Mar 5-2359Z Apr 1 60th Anniversary of Op Thursday Burma 1944. 21.070 21.056 14.070 14.056. QSL. Mike Humphrey, G0SWY/KF4OFR, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett Southhampton, Hampshire, England SO16 3LQ. http://www.rsars.org.uk/. Amateurs outside the UK, please send 1€dollar or \$1 US to cover postage.

Chesapeake, VA: Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service, W4CAR. 1500Z-2100Z Mar 6 142nd Anniversary, *Monitor-Merrimac* Battle of the Ironclads. 28.362 21.362 7.262 146.82. Certificate. W4CAR, PO Box 6867, Chesapeake, VA 23323. http://www.qsl.net/cars.

Naples, FL: Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida, K4YHB. 1400Z Mar 6-2000Z Mar 7. Annual Spring Swamp Buggy Races. 12 m 17 m. Certificate. Mark Kennedy, K4SWF, 1241 12th St N, Naples, FL 34102. http://www.araswf.org/.

New Port Richey, FL:Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club, K4C. 1200Z Mar 18-2000Z Mar 28. The 82nd Annual Chasco Fiesta. 28.360 21.250 14.250 7.245. Certificate. GCARC-Chasco, PO Box 595, New Port Richey, FL 34656-0595

Princeton, NJ: Mercer County ARES/Central NJ American Red Cross, N2ARC. 2300Z Mar 19-2300Z Mar 21. March is Red Cross Month, celebrating ARES/ARC partnership. 28.445 14.255 7.240 3.952 2 m 220 MHz APRS. Certificate. Gerry Jurrens, N2GJ, POB 147, Kingston, NJ 08528. users.tellurian.com/gjurrens/n2arc\_special\_event.htm.

Macon, GA: Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 1500Z-2200Z Mar 20. 22nd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 14.240 21.335 7.055 14.055. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208.

Brampton, ON, Canada: Peel/Mississauga Amateur Radio Clubs, VE3XR. 1300Z-1700Z Mar 20. HAM-EX Annual Hamfest. 14.240 7.240. QSL. Michael Brickell, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON, Canada L5N 1X6

Virginia Beach, VA and Moss, Norway: Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club, Inc and Mossegruppen av NRRL, W4UG and LA5M. 1300Z Mar 20-2200Z Mar 21. 113th anniversary of the Norwegian Lady. 14.278 14.040 7.280 7.040. Certificate. VBARC, PO Box 62003, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Wellsboro, PA: Nessmuk Amateur Radio Association, W3BGK. 1500Z Mar 24-2100Z Mar 28. 200th anniverary of Tioga County. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Nessmuk ARA W3BGK, PO Box 101, Wellsboro, PA 16901. For more information contact jantonio@epix.net.

Ebensburg, PA: Conemaugh Valley Amateur Radio Club, W3C. 1300Z Mar 26-0300Z Mar 27. Cambria County Bicentennial. 21.300 14.250 7.230 3.985. QSL. David Knepper, PO Box 34, Sidman, PA 15955. http://www.cambriacobicentennial.com/.

**Timoni um, MD:** Baltimore Amateur Radio Club, W3FT. 1300Z **Mar 26**-2000Z **Mar 27**. Celebrating the Greater Baltimore Hamboree and Computerfest. 14.265 7.265. Certificate. W3FT C/O GBH&C, PO Box 95, Timonium, MD 21094

Courtesy The ARRL Newsletter

### Minutes of Warminster ARC February 5, 2004 Dave, AA3UR, Secretary

Mark, N3GNW, called the meeting to order. The minutes, as published in *Feedback* were approved with one abstention. The club participates in two contests each year and the January VHF contest is one of them. Please send in your logs to the ARRL. If you are looking for a logging program to facilitate this Mark recommends the

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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.



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N1MM program [available at http:// pages.cthome.net/n1mm/]. The annual WARC Hamfest is coming up we need everyone's participation. Tonight's program will be the Auction to benefit the club.

Vice President: Tony, N3YNH listed some of the future meeting programs. Tonight Annual Auction March Old Time Radios June Homebrew night with pizza and a

Dave, AA3UR, had nothing to report from the Secretary.

Bud, K3TPM, reported that we have 118 active members and many membership cards and badges that have not been picked up.

Vahan, KB3DHU, gave the treasurer's report.

Bill, K3ZMA, mentioned that the Hamfest will be prior to our May meeting on May 2, 2004. Please don't forget about it. Many interesting displays will be there.

George, N3HBT, listed no public service commitments. Burt, N3YVH, mentioned that the Shrine of Czestochowa was very happy with our help last year and is looking forward to our participation this year. More details will be available later.

George, KA3WXV, reported that the Extra classes are on Monday evenings and he is looking for new people to lead a twelve-week no-code Technician class.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by the 50/50 drawings and the Annual Auction

David Porter AA3UR Secretary

### **MEETING INFO - TONY** SIMEK. VP

March - Earnest Shardlow Antique Radio - Show and Tell June - Homebrew Night & Pizza Social

### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

The March of Dimes walks will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Operators will be needed for the Central Bucks Walk (see Doc. W3GAD) and for the Ambler Walk (see Steve, WW3Y).

#### 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-

### 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 Bud Bechtel (K3TPM) or Membership co-chair Mark Hin kel (WA3QVU) for more information.

#### FOR SALE

PACKAGE DEAL

(1) Elecraft K2 in mint condition with all manuals, KSB2, K160RX, KNB2, KAF2, KAT2, KBT2 options installed; revision 2 firmware, second stage XFIL mod done, grounding of XTALS X7-X11 mod done; wired for ICOM HM -36 mic (NOT INCLUDED). Also included is the famous PW-1

vertical made by Vern (never used), PALM mini paddles, custom made dust cover, OAK HILLS WM-2 QRP wattmeter with manual (mint), aluminum attaché case with foam inserts for above gear. All of the above are like new! The K2 was professionally built. ASKING FOR THE PACKAGE:

\$1.025

(2) Mint ICOM R-7000A wide band receiver, unblocked, covers 28 Mhz to 2.0 Ghz, with original factory carton and manual, custom made vinyl dust cover. Radio stored in environmentally controlled environment since purchased new from AES, used briefly recently. Collector quality, no better unit available out there. ASKING: \$800 firm

Contact: Bob Wilderman, K3SRO e-mail: dlrwild1@comcast.net phone: (215) 822-7474

#### **CLASSES**

Extra classes will be offered by WARC at the Ben Wilson senior center starting Monday, January 12. 2004 from 7:30 pm until 9:00 PM. The classes are free and study guides will be available for purchase at the site. The instructor, Tom KA3FQS will be running the classes through March. NoCode Tech classes start March 8th through May 24th Monday nights 7:30 to 9:00PM Both are at the Senior Center.

#### **NEW CONTEST**

Hello!

On May 8 and 9, 2004, the first Mid-Atlantic QSO Party will be held. Our goal is to have a friendly operating atmosphere like many of us experience in the Pennsylvania QSO Party, only on a regional level. We're trying to get the word out to all the clubs in the states involved, and I've been working to forward along information to clubs in Pennsylvania.

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We have a website at www.qsl.net/maqso/where more information is available, including downloadable versions of the rules package.

Thanks,

Allen Huber, WG3E

# BPL ON PP&L (INFO FROM ERIC OLENA)

The following information was contained in a story by Kathy Lauer-Williams of the Allentown "Morning Call" on Thursday January 28, 2004.

In other business, the board voted to allow PPL Electric Utilities to offer broadband Internet service to the township.

Alan Rickenbacher of PPL said the company had started offering broadband on a trial basis along Jacksonville Road Oct. 14.

He said the trial went "exceptionally well" and that the company got "response beyond our expectations."

He said PPL sent 2,000 letters and more than 200 people have signed up.

"We want to expand and make the service available to all township residents." he said.

The board discussed charging PPL a franchise fee for using the township right of way to install equipment.

Mel Jiganti of PPL said the company didn't pay franchise fees anywhere else and called the idea "very discouraging."

There are still a lot of municipal and other officials who are not aware of the dangers of BPL to radio requencies. Do your part to help keep your local officials up to date on this vital issue.

To All,

This message is a supplement to the message sent out Saturday (see above)

regarding the BPL use in Northampton County as reported by the Allentown Morning Call on January 28, 2004. My apology for sending out the hastily contrived message, which lacked needed detail. The Township involved is Hanover Township, Northampton County.

The action that I feel we should follow is to make sure that municipal officials (Township, Borough or City) are aware that Broadband over Power Line Internet access (BPL) is not the miracle cure that it is being advertised to be. There is quite a bit of technical information supplied by ARRL at www.arrl.org/bpl, which you can use to demonstrate to the municipal officials the problems that exist with BPL.

I recommend that you write a letter to each of your local municipal governing authorities. In that letter you should say that, yes, you as an Amateur Radio Operator do have a vested personal interest in keeping interference out of radio frequencies. However, Amateur radio is the emergency back-up communications system local, county, state and national emergency communications. In addition many countywide dispatch systems use radio frequencies that fall within the 1.7 to 80 Mhz range that are in immediate jeopardy of interference from BPL. This interference to public service communications frequencies could very easily result in needless injury or worse.

In addition to municipal governing officials I also recommend sending either a letter or e-mail to your County 9-1-1 Coordinator urging them to have their professional organization the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) to take a stand against BPL. Likewise the county EMA Director/Coordinator should be urged to have the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) follow in the footsteps

of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in opposing BPL.

It is my opinion that local municipal officials are hearing a well presented case of the advantages of BPL but not of its pitfalls.

In the case of Hanover Township Northampton County this appears NOT to be the case. The District Emergency Coordinator (DEC). AK3M, and K3TD, tried to convince the Hanover Township Officials of the folly of BPL with no apparent success. Would the results have been any different if more individuals had assisted in the effort? I don't know and really can't answer that question. I do know that through the ARRL each of you has at your disposal an enormous amount of knowledge and ability from both ARRL Hg. and fellow Hams. Should you find yourself in a situation that you feel you need some assistance, please don't hesitate to ask. This e-mail compared to the e-mail that I sent out yesterday is an example of the use of good assistance from

A special Thank You to W3XE and NL7XM.

73, Eric WB3E

Eric, WB3FPL

ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Section Section Manager: Eric D. Olena, WB3FPL wb3fpl@arrl.org

### NEW JERSEY AMATEURS PROMOTE HAM RADIO TO YOUNGSTERS

Amateurs in the Trenton, New Jersey, area were out in force over the January 10-11 weekend to promote Amateur Radio at the New Jersey State Museum's "Super Science Weekend." It marked the first time ham radio was included in the annual event, which attracts nearly 10,000

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children and parents. Super Science Weekend this year included a large Amateur Radio display and working HF and VHF stations.

"Many of the children liked learning to send their names in Morse code using a straight key and code practice oscillator," said ARRL PIO Gary Wilson, K2GW, who coordinated the event.

Visitors saw the ARRL's Amateur Radio Today video, which explains Amateur Radio's role in emergencies. They also could get literature on how to get started in Amateur Radio, including information on licensing classes. Contacts were made on SSB and PSK31 using the Delaware Valley Radio Association's W2ZQ.

Taking advantage of record cold temperatures, the ingenious hams used gallon jugs filled with water and frozen to the pavement to provide antenna support guy wire anchors.

Led by the Delaware Valley Radio Association, hams from the Warminster Amateur Radio Club and the David Sarnoff Radio Club also pitched in to provide 15 hours of continuous coverage over the two-day event. The amateurs now hope ham radio will become a regular feature of the Super Science Weekend.

"Only by introducing kids to Amateur Radio can we assure a solid future for our hobby and our ability to serve the nation," Wilson concluded.

Courtesy The ARRL Newsletter

#### **SOLAR UPDATE**

Solar sage Tad "I Live for the Sun" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington, reports: Average daily sunspot numbers were down a little from a week earlier, as were the daily solar flux numbers. Average daily planetary A index was slightly higher. Geomagnetic indices settled down February 16-19 to yield

some nice HF conditions. There weren't many sunspots, so the MUF wasn't as high as it was, say, several years ago, but the quiet conditions are a welcome respite from the stormy geomagnetic conditions of late.

The quiet conditions should continue though this weekend--good news for those participating in the ARRL International DX Contest (CW). Predicted planetary A index for Friday through Monday, February 20-23, is 10, 10, 12 and 12. Solar flux is expected to stay below 100 until around Leap Year Day, February 29.

Sunspot numbers for February 12 through 18 were 65, 71, 64, 75, 81, 22 and 23, with a mean of 57.3. The 10.7 cm flux was 112.2, 107.8, 103.7, 102.1, 98.7, 101.9 and 97.7, with a mean of 103.4. Estimated planetary A indices were 28, 21, 18, 18, 7, 5 and 8, with a mean of 15.

Courtesy The ARRL Newsletter

# AO-40 COMMAND TEAM PLAYS WAITING GAME

Ground controllers for the now-dark AO-40 satellite are waiting for something to break aboard the spacecraft. Specifically, they want one of the cells of the main battery bank to open up and "unshort" the power bus.

That open circuit then could mean the command team would be able use the auxiliary batteries--now tied in parallel with the main battery bank-to restart the satellite. The command team hypothesizes that a failure within the main battery is clamping the bus voltage low. In the hope that a receiver still is operating despite the low voltage, the command team continues to signal AO-40 to turn off its main batteries and turn on the auxiliary batteries and the 2.4 GHz "S2" downlink transmitter.

"If we have approximately 10 V on the main bus, then these commands should be making it through," said ground controller Stacey Mills, W4SM, "but the S2 transmitter was not designed to run below 20 V and is not coming on."

AO-40 has been silent since January 27 (UTC), in the wake of a precipitous voltage drop. The satellite's controllers believe that one or more shorted battery cells are at the root of the problem.

Mills said the AO-40 command team assumes the bus voltage aboard AO-40 is lower than 12 V, and that the onboard IHU-1 ("internal housekeeping unit") computer, the command receivers or the battery changeover relay have insufficient power to operate.

There's some conjecture that the current problem may be related to the near-catastrophic incident that occurred onboard AO-40 in December 2000 less than a month after its launch during testing of the 400-newton propulsion system. Following that incident, the AO-40 command team was able to restore some of the satellite's functionality.

Updates on the AO-40 situation are being posted on the AMSAT-DL Web site <a href="http://www.amsat-dl.org/journal/adlj-p3d">http://www.amsat-dl.org/journal/adlj-p3d</a>. htm#NEWS>. There's additional information on AO-40 on the AMSAT-NA Web site <a href="http://www.amsat.org">http://www.amsat.org</a>.

Courtesy The ARRL Newsletter

# President Bush thanks ham radio volunteer

Shortly after stepping off Air

### WARC JACKETS, SHIRTS AND HATS

Are available. Delivery within one month of placing order- the more we order, the lower the prices. See Bob (K3SRO) or call him at 215-822-7474 for order forms and cost information.

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Force One February 5 during a visit to South Carolina, President George W. Bush took a few moments to express his appreciation to ARRL member and Charleston County ARES Emergency Coordinator Charlie Hall, K4AOT. "For all Charlie has done for ham radio and the community, he certainly deserves to be put in the spotlight," said his friend Alex Krist, KR1ST. A member of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society and a retired US Army sergeant, Hall, 64, volunteers with a newly formed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) <a href="http://www.citizencorps.gov/">http://www.citizencorps.gov/</a> programs/cert.shtm>, a Citizen Corps <a href="http://www.citizencorps.gov/">http://www.citizencorps.gov/> program. The president shook Hall's hand and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the community. ARRL is a Citizen Corps affiliate, and in a growing number of localities, Amateur Radio emergency response

activities are being incorporated into CERTs. Hall, who also volunteers with the American Red Cross and a SKYWARN team, was tapped as Charleston County's "official greeter" for the presidential visit mainly because of his Citizen Corp/CERT activity.--some information from Alex Krist, KR1ST, and Jim Boehner, N2ZZ

Courtesy The ARRL Newsletter

### Hong Kong, Denmark dropping Morse requirement

Hong Kong and Denmark have become the latest countries to announce they will drop the requirement for Amateur Radio applicants to pass a Morse code examination for access to frequencies below 30 MHz. In conjunction with its announcement, Hong Kong will cancel all existing amateur station license classes (and/or authority to operate), replacing them with a new

authorization that does not carry a license class, the Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) announced February 11. OFTA also opened the 430 to 440 MHz band for portable and mobile operation and allocated 10.45 to 10.5 GHz to the Amateur Service. OFTA said only that the changes would "come into effect soon." The Danish Information Technology and Telecom Agency, meanwhile, has announced the elimination of the Morse code examination for access to Amateur Radio HF bands, effective February 1.

Courtesy The ARRL Newsletter

# Three ARRL awards discontinued

Effective immediately, the ARRL Awards Branch has discontinued the Rag Chewer's Club, the Old Timer's Club and the Friendship Award. ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, says that the number of amateurs applying for awards in general has declined significantly over the years, and interest in these three awards had slowed to a trickle. DXCC and WAS remain among the most popular ARRL Awards, he said, but the eliminated awards "had outlived their interest level." For more information on ARRL awards, visit The ARRL Awards Program

page <a href="mailto:rg/awards/">http://www.arrl.org/awards/>">. Courtesy The ARRL Newsletter"

#### **SKYWARN INFORMATION**

# MOUNT HOLLY NWSFO SKYWARN Weekly Information Net: EVERY THURSDAY AT 21:00 HOURS

(see Frequency List for a local VHF or UHF repeater)

# **Bucks County SKYWARN Weather Spotter PRIMARY FREQUENCY:** 147.300MHZ (+ 131.8)

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

SKYWARN URL: http://www.wx2phi-skywarn.org

SKYWARN Net Repeater Listing/ Streaming Audio of scheduled SKYWARN

**Net:** http://www.skywarnnet.net

### 2004 Contest Calendar

Month Contest

**March** 6 - 7 ARRL International DX Contest(Phone)

**June** 12 - 14 ARRL June VHF QSO Party

26 - 27 ARRL Field Day

**July** 10 - 11 IARU HF World Championships

**August** 7 - 8 ARRL UHF Contest

21 - 22 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest

### CLUB EQUIPMENT

WARC members can borrow club equipment- see the club Vice-President, who is responsible for keeping track of club property. In addition to the normal HAM JUNQUE, we have two ICOM HT's with accessories (one for 2 meters: one for 440mhz) and an ICOM 2 meter all-mode available. WARC policy is to make club equipment available on a three (3) month loan policy to club members. As custodian of club property, you will have to sign a form acknowledging your financial responsibility to WARC in the event the loaned equipment is lost or damaged. DE, Mark Kempisty, N3GNW

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### **ATLANTIC DIVISION HAMFESTS - 2004**

### + indicates ARRL Hamfest

10 Apr 2004 + Eastern Shore Hamfest & Computer Show

Easton ARS Easton, MD http://www.k3emd.com

2 May 2004 + Warminster ARC Wrightstown (Bucks County), PA

20 Jun 2004 + East Coast Long Wire Association

http://www.qsl.net/eclwaNorth Wildwood, NJ

3 Jul 2004 + Murgas ARC Wilkes-Barre, PA

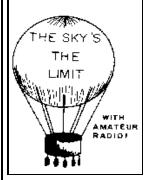
http://www.qsl.net/k3ytl

11 Jul 2004 + Mid-Atlantic ARC Kimberton, PA http://www.marc-radio.org/hamfest.html

### **CONVENTIONS and CONFERENCES**

27-28 Mar 2004 \* Maryland State Convention Baltimore ARC Timonium, MD http://www.gbhc.org

73' de Bernie Fuller N3EFN, Director Atlantic Division ARRL



#### 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.

We'll help you learn the theory and practices that make for a most enjoyable hobby. There's no telling just how far you'll go unless you make the first move and give yourself a chance to explore the world.

No-Code Tech Classes, March 8 - May 24, 2004 7:30 PM - 9:00 Extra Class, January 12 - March 22, 2004 7:30 PM - 9:00 At The Benjamin Wilson Senior Center 580 Delmont Avenue, Warminster, PA For information Email altemus@drs-fsc-comm.com or call:215-855-3856, 6 to 10 pm Ask for George

### **Goddard ARC Shuttle Rebroadcast Frequencies**

Frequency	Mode	Band
3,860 kHz	(LSB)	80 meters
7,185 kHz	(LSB)	40 meters
14,295 kHz	(USB)	20 meters
21,395 kHz	(USB)	15 meters
28,650 kHz	(USB)	10 meters
147.45 MHz	(FM Simp	lex) 2 meters

### Metro-Link repeater network

29.62 Chester, PA 147.135 Buckshootum, NJ 147.315 Chester, PA 223.96 Millville, NJ 223.98 Ocean city, NJ 224.68 Eagleville, PA 224.96 Chester, PA 443.00 Linwood, PA 443.05 Chester, PA

Net Schedules					
Sunday	2100	10 Meter Net	28.440 MHz		
Wednesday	2030	2 Meter Net	147.09 Rptr.		
Wednesday	2030	Linked w/ 2 Meter Net	443.95 Rptr.		
Sunday	2030	Informal Net	223.5 Simplex		
Thursday	2000	<b>Bucks Cnty RACES Net</b>	145.35 Rptr.		
Thursday	1900	Mont. Cnty RACES Net	146.235 Rptr.		

#### 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 2003 test fee is \$12.00.

- Warminster Amateur Radio Club, Monthly, Last Wed. 7:00 pm - Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ, 215-343-3494.
- Bellmawr, NJ, Monthly, 3rd Thursday -Bill Helmatag - 609-546-7710.
- Levittown, PA, Monthly, 1st Saturday -George LeNoir, WR3B, 215-943-4886.
- Telford, PA, Monthly, 3rd Monday -Joe Burgess, W3PNL, 215-723-6697.
- **Philadelphia**, **PA**, NE Philadelphia, Pa. Monthly; 1st Thursday - 6:00pm. Philmont Mobile Radio Club at Space Research Center (SPARC) Northeast High School Cottman and Glendale Aves. (Enter the SPARC wing from Glendale Av., opposite Teesdale St.) - Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, 215-482-0386 Or 215-879-0505. No

# Area Repeaters

exam in July or August.

	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
147.165	Delmont R.C.
147.270	Frankford
147.300	BEARS
147.390	CBRA
	220
224.580	PackRats
	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
	6 Mtr
53.030	WA3BXW
53.230	N3DQZ
53.370	K3MFI
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1295.000 K3PHL (-20 MHz split)

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# 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:

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Or via snail mail to:
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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.

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The annual dues rate structure is as follows:

Full Member: \$ 20.00 2nd Family Member: \$ 10.00 Student: \$ 10.00 Alumni: \$ 8.00 12th grade or under; \$ 5.00

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

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