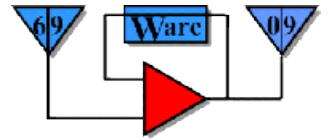




FEEDBACK



Web Site k3dn.org

Warminster Amateur Radio Club

November 2012

Next Meeting November 1st, 2012 – HRO, Rick Lamb

President's Message

As I write this article our VE2DXY team is making the final preparation for CVQWW SSB contest this coming weekend. This is considered by us HF Dx'ers to be the #1 SSB contest of the year. The bands are open and there are a number of rare DX stations already on the air getting ready for the contest. Our contesting team drives two days to northern Quebec Canada to CQ Zone 2, a rare one in this contest. This will be our 11th year from zone 2. We drive through some of the most beautiful country in both the US and Canada. Views of the Saint Lawrence sea-way, with waterfalls and small fishing villages are breath-taking. We bring everything with us, radio's amplifiers, antenna's, etc. Every US member of our team is both a member of Warminster and FRC Contesting club. We have one Canadian who also joins us each year. We set up in cold weather and have experienced everything from Nor'easters to heavy snow and ice storms. Setting up in this weather makes you either crazy or efficient on doing it right the first time. Preparation and pre-planning are critical. **To me this is real radio!** Not operating from the comfort of your home with your massive antenna farm.

As you read this, the contest will have been over. I hope you had a chance to get on the air and work some of the great DX' Stations. It's a great way to help earn your ARRL DXCC awards. The CQWW CW contest is Thanksgiving weekend.

Two other fun contests in November are the ARRL SSB and CW Sweepstakes. The CW contest is November 3rd to 5th and the SSB contest is November 17th to 19th. A reference for the contest rules can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>. While the CQWW contests are international, the Sweepstakes contest focuses on the US/Canada. I earned first place in the Sweepstakes SSB contest, Delaware Section, last year in the low power single operator unlimited class. My only antenna is a vertical HF5V in the woods. It doesn't take high power and big antenna's to compete. Just get on the air and have fun.

If you really want a challenge, the ARRL 160M contest is the weekend of November 30th.

Our November meeting will feature Rick Lamb from HRO. His talks are always informative and a lot of fun. I am sure there will be a lot of questions regarding the Chinese radios that are starting to flood the country. I saw a new manufacture this weekend at the Sellersville Hamfest. This will be our last presentation for the year as our December meeting features our annual holiday dinner.

Public Service activity in November includes the Delaware Canal marathon in New Hope on November 20 and the Thanksgiving turkey run on November 22.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting.

Regards, Irwin KD3TB

MINUTES

Secretary Bernie/AB3YZ open the meeting at 7:30. President Irwin/KD3TB and Vice President Rich/AG3L were not able to attend for business and medical reasons respectively.

The sign in sheet was passed around. There were no volunteers to run the 50/50.

Introductions

The microphone was passes around. Thirty five members and one guest present: Carl Fisher.

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New members/upgrades: Congratulations to Herb/KB3VMN who upgraded to General class.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the September 2012 meeting were approved as published in the Feedback.

Audio recordings of the meetings and presentations are available online at www.wi3z.com. Thanks to Al/WI3Z for providing this service to the WARC membership.

Committee Reports

Treasurer report - Frank, W3ESL

As reported.

Programs - Rich, AG3L

Plans for the holiday dinner are the same as last year. Details will be published on the web site.

Tonight ARRL night - Bob Famiglio/K3RF

Nov 1 Rick Lamb, K3TL -HRO

Dec 6 Holiday dinner

Membership - Bill, K3ZMA

Same as last month.

Members on rolls: 149

95% of members are on new yearly cycle.

The Board voted to discontinue collection of ARRL membership fees through the club.

Any questions on membership should be directed to membership@K3DN.org

VE session - Bernie, AB3YZ for Larry, WA3ELQ

Three upgrades to General class and one new General.

As of November 2012 the location and time will change to the Ben Wilson center on the last Monday of the month.

Repeater - Al, WI3Z for Brian, N3EXA

Repeater is working fine.

Plan to upgrade the Bristol input. Radio has been acquired.

Looking to add another input in the Philadelphia area within the next year.

Public Service - George, N3HBT

Five Ponds, hole on one event on Columbus day, October 15 from 8:30 to 2:00. Need 8-10 operators.

Craven-Hall 5K run race at the Warminster Community Park on October 20 from 9:00 to noon. Six operators needed.

Doc/W3GAD announced two events: Canal marathon in New Hope on November 18 and the Thanksgiving turkey run.

Classes - George, KA3WXV

Combined Tech/General classes are in session.

Good and Welfare - (Vince, KD3TC)

Rich/AG3L is recovering from surgery.

Alan/KB3VYX is undergoing medical treatment.

Publicity - Bernice, KB3PCX

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No update since last month: Working on putting ads for Ham Radio in local papers.

Club clothing - Alan, KB3VYX

No update since last month: samples of polo shirts and T-shirts were presented to the board.

Old Business

Herb/KB3VMN commented that the Battleship New Jersey trip was worthwhile and enjoyed by all..

New Business

None.

Members Comments/Questions

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Coffee and donuts were served followed by a presentations by Bob Famiglio/K3RF, East PA ARRL section manager. Bob discussed his role as Section Manager, legal issues related to antenna restrictions and spectrum defense.

The audio of the meeting including the presentation is available at www.wi3z.com

Submitted:

Bernie / AB3YZ, Club Secretary

October 28, 2012

For Sale Heathkit amplifier

Model SB200

Ser no. 05214

tubes 572B

This amp is in excellent working condition.I am the second owner.It was build by a club member.It is putting out around 700 watts.

Price \$425.00

Mike@wj3o.com

HOLIDAY DINNER

We have made all the arrangements for our annual holiday dinner.

All we need now is the list of guests and their significant others - hopefully by November 15th. We want to get a final list into the caterer so he knows how much food to prepare.

All the dinner information is on the www.K3DN.ORG website. If you have any questions that can't be answered there, please call Rich Luce / AG3L at 215-852-3897 and we will get you all your questions answered.

Richard J Luce, Jr

Vice President

Warminster Amateur Radio Club

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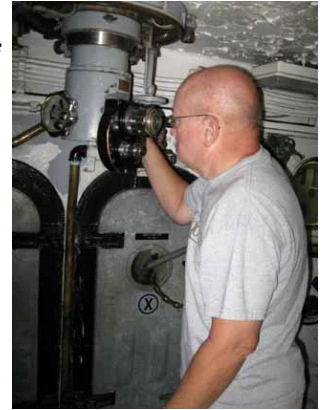
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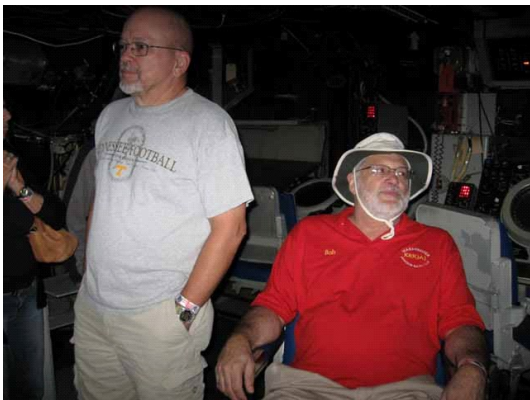


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TOUR GUIDE



THE BIG GUNS



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20M & PSK31



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OUR HAM STATION HOST

CLUB INFO**PUBLIC SERVICE**

Doc/W3GAD has two events in November. Canal marathon in New Hope on November 20 and the Thanksgiving turkey run.

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 \$10.00 annually to cover the costs of printing and mailing our monthly FEEDBACK newsletter. Please contact co-chair Bill Strunk (K3ZMA) 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 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, Bill Strunk, K3ZMA or Michelle London - KB3MTW at the WARC monthly meetings. Otherwise, please contact Membership at: membership@K3DN.org. Thank you.

**PROGRAMS
2012 - 2013**

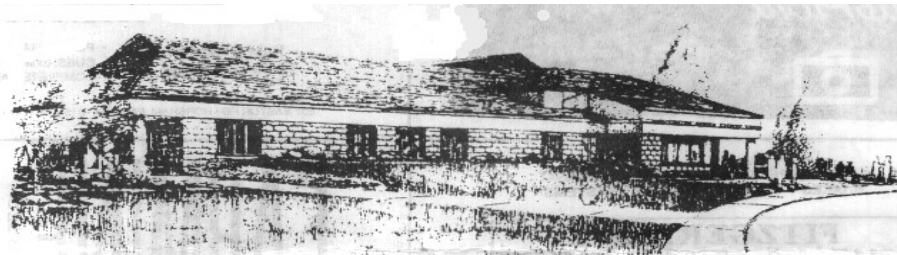
November 1st Rick Lamb HRO

December 6th Holiday Party

February 7th 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.

2012 - 2013 Contest Calendar

November

- 3-5 November Sweepstakes, CW
 17-19 November Sweepstakes, Phone
 30 - Dec 2 ARRL 160 Meter Contest

December

- 1-2 ARRL International EME Competition (50-1296
 MHz Round 2)
 8-9 ARRL 10 Meter Contest
 16 Rookie Roundup - CW

January

- 1 Straight Key Night
 5-6 RTTY Roundup
 6 Kids Day
 19-21 January VHF Contest

February

- 11-15 School Club Roundup
 16-17 International DX Contest – CW

QSO Parties

Kentucky 1400Z, Nov 10 to 0200Z, Nov 11

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 2012 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

➤ ATLANTIC DIV. HAMFESTS - 2013

January 27 - 2013 Post Holiday Hamfest

Odenton Volunteer Fire Company
 1425 Annapolis Road (Route 175)
 Odenton, MD 21113

<http://sites.google.com/site/marylandmobileers/hamfests-1/hamfest-2>

April 6 - Greater Baltimore Hamboree & Computerfest

Maryland State Fairgrounds
 2200 York Road
 Timonium, MD

<http://www.gbhc.org>

April 13 - York Hamfest

Porters Community Fire Company
 1199 Porters Road
 Spring Grove, PA 17362
<http://www.yorkhamfest.org>

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)

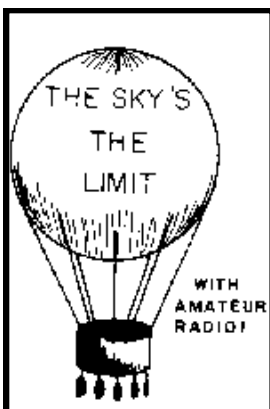
Fairless Hills, PA (many remote access locations throughout Bucks County)

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
447.625	WE3E
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.

2012 Officers

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