



FEEDBACK



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Warminster Amateur Radio Club

October 2023

Next Meeting October 5th - Amateur Radio Astronomy - Dennis Kidder W6DQ

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Well our Fall season is upon us. It's time to put summer things away and prepare the house for the upcoming winter season. We still have some good days ahead to tidy up the yard and maybe work on some antenna maintenance. We have everything pump-kin to look forward to in October. Remember that Halloween is at the end of the October, and, our little ones will be out and about running the streets as ghosts and goblins as well as super heroes. Please look out for our little ones when driving and be vigilant. Please be safe and keep healthy.

73's
Ray – KA3TRU

Warminster ARC General Meeting Minutes September 7 , 2023

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Introductions and Attendance: 30

Minutes from last Meeting: Approved as submitted with no additions or corrections.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Tom (K3PLA) As given

6 VE fees, 1 new member

2023-24 Budget on Groups IO. Copies distributed, budget reviewed, discussion of specific line items. Vote for approval will be sent out via Constant Contact.

Programs: Dave (KC3RAT) September – Radio Astronomy

Membership: Tony (W3FLH) 126 Members on roll, 97 paid with 90 in good-standing.

Public Service: George (N3HBT) Golf outing Part 2 on October 6th starting at 8:30 AM.

Let George know if interested in helping.

Classes: Dave (KC3RAT) reported 5 Tech participants and 6-7 for General.

VEC Testing: Next test session last Monday in September, 9/25.

Repeater: All is in good working order.

Good and Welfare: Regina (KC3LRF) - Card mailed to Cynthia Fisher on or about August 5th.

Radiosport: Members should check QRZ.NET for this weekend sweepstakes.

Old Business:

Club Station: Working and being used this evening.

Elmer Program: If you know of anyone who would like some help, please let one of the Board

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members know.

Website: Please leave any ideas or suggestions on the Groups IO.

New Business:

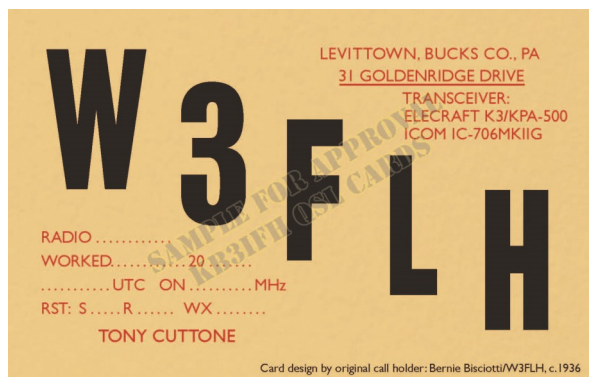
Holiday Dinner: There was discussion about whether to hold a holiday dinner and whether it should be at a local restaurant vs at the Senior Center. Survey to be sent out via Constant Contact.

Outstanding Ham of the Year: Nominations will be taken in October and presentation to be made at the December meeting.

Club Constitution: There was further discussion of the topic discussed last month. It was determined that there was an insufficient number of members present (i.e. quorum) to hold a vote. Therefore, this item will be put out with Constant Contact for Club vote.

The Biography of a Callsign **By Tony Cuttone W3FLH**

Have you ever thought about your callsign? Maybe it's the only one you've ever been issued, or maybe it's one you've selected for a specific reason? If it wasn't randomly assigned when you got it, there's a fairly good chance that you're not the first person to answer to that combination of letters and numbers.



In Amateur Radio, our callsigns are probably the most important thing that we “own”. I use the quotations because, as much as a callsign is ours, assigned to each of us individually and uniquely, they are still property of and controlled by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the US government agency which handles licensing of all radio stations, and which can revoke the callsign and its privileges from us at any time (with sufficient reason). And when we are no longer active hams, our callsigns revert to the possession of the FCC to be used again at their discretion. Whether we let it expire and not renew because we lose interest in the hobby, or if we keep them for the rest of our days, holding our call until our key goes Silent, once a callsign is back in FCC hands, it may be re-issued to another, totally different user, one who will then become just as ensconced and attached to the call as the original holder. This is my story.

I'll start with me and try to be brief: I was introduced to radio at a young age, growing up in the 1970's as the CB craze swept the country. When I got my first truck, I found one of my dad's old CB radios, stuffed it under the dashboard, and my own radio journey began. Lucky to have made some friends and met a few licensed amateurs to act as Elmers, in April 1992 I passed the Novice test and got my very first callsign: KB3AAL. I was a licensed Amateur Radio Operator! And I might have held that call for the remainder of my time as a ham if it wasn't for a glitch upon passing my General class test in 1995 that caused me to be issued a new call: N3ZIP. We'll never know who's mistake triggered the automatic assignment of that callsign, and it never really grabbed me like that first call did, but it was mine now, so on I went.

Over the ensuing years I stayed involved, although not always as active as I might have liked; then in 2005, I found myself buying a single-family home where I could actually install some antennas. At this point, the FCC's Vanity Callsign program was well under way, and people sure were taking advantage of it. I had just upgraded to Amateur Extra and felt like a new call would be a fresh start for the next leg of my ham radio journey. Despite the opportunity to take a 1x2 or 2x1 call, none of those available for 3-Land (to reflect my home state of PA) seemed like a good fit. Having been a Harley-Davidson guy for many years, I looked to my bike for inspiration: my ride at the time was a Road King, model FLHRI. Big Twin Harleys from the late-1940's on have been carrying the “FLH” designation, so why not combine two passions into something personal? The call was available, so I put in for and got it. From that point on, I would be known in ham circles as W3FLH.

As W3FLH, I became very active, both on the air and in several clubs. I met some great people, learned an incredible amount, and grew in ways I never expected from ham radio. As I became more comfortable with the call, I also grew more curious: the call dates to the early days of amateur radio, with “W3” calls being issued at the very start of FCC licensing, which was long be-

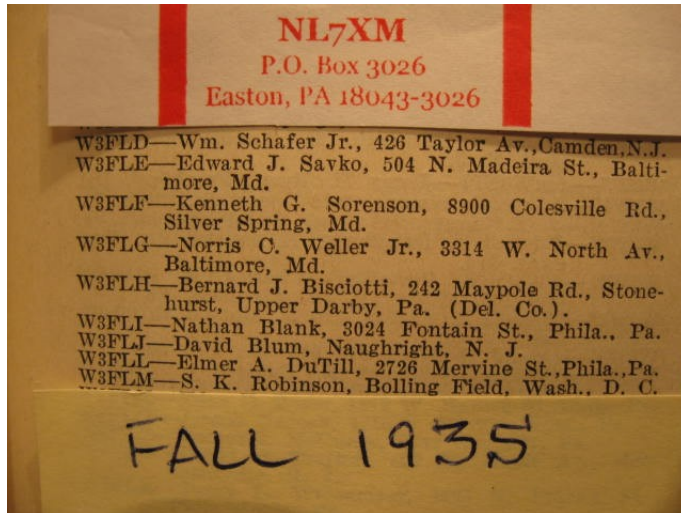
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fore I was even born, so I wonder if anyone held it before me? When it comes to researching old call signs, one ham stands out far above the rest: Pete Varounis NL7XM. Pete “the Greek” is an amazing source of historical call sign data, and he didn’t disappoint when I emailed him. His search turned up the original, and only other, holder of W3FLH. According to Pete’s research:

“In the Fall Flying Horse Callbook of 1935, W3FLH makes its very first appearance ever when issued to Bernard J. Bisciotti of 242 Maypole Rd., Stonehurst, Upper Darby, Pa (Del. Co.)

He will be listed consecutively in every single Callbook for the next 32 years, making his last appearance in the Winter 1967 edition, most remarkably at the same physical residence address the entire period! You are only the second holder of the call, W3FLH, getting it through the FCC Vanity Program around April 23, 2005.”



And that was it. Now I knew, and I left it at that... for a little while, anyway. Curiosity follows me like a dog chasing a stick, and not being one to leave well enough alone, I started looking into this a bit more. I had a name, an address, and a time frame to help confirm anything I stumbled across; I had the internet to provide the source material; and I had a kindred spirit to get to know. I set about digging into the vast expanse and dusty corners of the internet for anything I could glean about the man behind the call sign. What I found turned into a far richer story than I could have guessed, and I made a new ham friend along the way...

Bernie Bisciotti was a young man when he was first bitten by the radio bug, obtaining his first “Call signal”, 3FT, in 1915, and in 1916 making his debut on the roles of licensed amateur radio operators – then under the authority of the Department of Commerce/Bureau of Navigation – in that year’s July 1 edition of “Radio Stations of the United States”. Still only 16 years old, Bernie was operating from his parents’ home on Carpenter St. in South Philadelphia. This was during the spark-gap era of transmitting, and only a few years into the structured licensing that we’ve become familiar with, which puts him on the leading edge of our hobby; quite an accomplishment for a teenager and landing him in select company. Bernie’s tenure as 3FT was short-lived, though, as he enlisted in the US Army after the country entered WWI, and he won’t show up again in a callbook for another 5 years.

Young Bernie’s radio background served him well, however: his proficiency in Morse Code landing him in the

Bernard J. Bisciotti – so there was another W3FLH before me. And 1935, which is earlier than I had expected. Plus, he was from Upper Darby, PA, not far from my Levittown, PA home – that’s pretty cool, too. Thanks, Pete!

AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS—Continued.

THIRD DISTRICT—Continued.

ALPHABETICALLY BY OWNERS OF STATIONS—Continued.

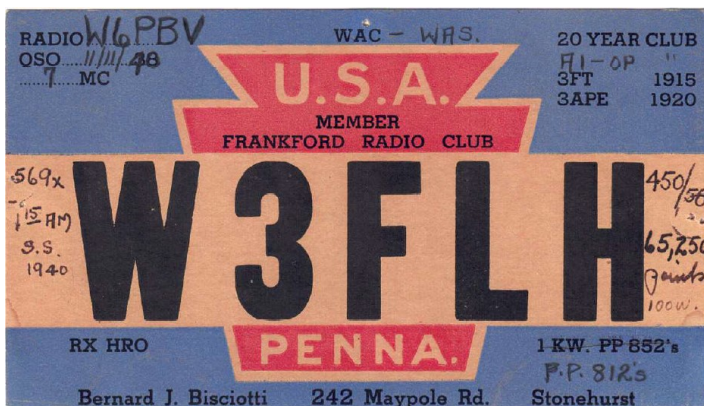
Call signal.	Owner of station.	Location of station.	Power.
			Kw.
3SY	Barretta, Valroy S.	Vineland, N. J.	0.5
3QX	Barrington, Roger W.	608 Park Ave., Pensauken, N. J.	.5
30J	Barron, John H., Jr.	3022 Abell Ave., Baltimore, Md.	.5
3AKG	Basford, Robert F.	112 W. 17th St., Wildwood, N. J.	.5
3WY	Basford, Robert F.	5308 Haverford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3AJ	Bausman, George H.	1246 N. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.	.5
3ASK	Baxley, C. Herbert	1126 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Md.	.5
3QT	Bayard, Arnold	Woodbine, N. J.	1.0
3ATI	Bayne, C. Armistead	914 Moran Ave., Norfolk, Va.	1.0
3VM	Baynes, Ralph J.	812 Vandever Ave., Wilmington, Del.	.5
3BL	Beach, Harry L.	3711 M St. N.W., Washington, D. C.	.5
3ARW	Beaston, Frank, Jr.	3732 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3AIR	Beaumont, Robert H.	7432 Devon St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3WS	Beaumont, Robert H.	Atlantic City, N. J.	1.0
3AAV	Bechler, William C., Jr.	1443 S. 3d St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3ARF	Beck, Page M.	300 Minor St., Richmond, Va.	.5
3AGI	Beck, Rodney M.	4833 Pulaski Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3WV	Becker, Frank F.	2118 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3JS	Beekley, Francis C.	Media, Pa.	1.0
3AMF	Beekman, Robert L.	Mt. Washington, Md.	.5
3IM	Behan, Arthur R.	3447 N. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3NL	Behm, L. F. F.	1519 Poplar Grove St., Baltimore, Md.	.5
3AEF	Beidelman, Harry A.	810 Elm St., Camden, N. J.	.5
3NI	Bell, Albert A., Jr.	8 Catalpa Ave., Hamilton, Md.	1.0
3ARL	Belt, William B.	Hyattsville, Md.	.5
3VY	Bereford, Rees H.	4541 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3DC	Bergen, Donald M.	920 Riverside Ave., Trenton, N. J.	1.0
3PY	Bergey, H. Leon	Lansdale, Pa.	1.0
3WH	Berkeley, Kenneth H.	3422 Center St. N.W., Washington, D. C.	.5
3KS	Bernhard, William	2119 Fairmont Ave., Baltimore, Md.	1.0
3VL	Bernstein, Abe R.	321 Church St., Norfolk, Va.	.5
3DN	Bierleto, Benjamin, Jr.	2112 Columbia Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3MO	Bickel, E. Clifton	758 High St., Pottstown, Pa.	1.0
3CC	Biddle, Howard L., Jr.	319 Hillside Ave., Jenkintown, Pa.	.5
3HW	Bidwell, George L.	1245 Evans St. N.E., Washington, D. C.	.5
3NH	Bierfreund, Max A.	Pitman Ave., Pitman, N. J.	.5
3LQ	Birch, Stanford S.	45 Washington Ave., Collingswood, N. J.	.5
3FT	Bisciotti, Bernard J.	608 Carpenter St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3CY	Biser, Mark H.	Middletown, Md.	.5
3BP	Blackwood, George C.	5346 Wayne Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3ASF	Blaess, George	2106 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3AAJ	Blair, C. Drewry	1804 Hanover Ave., Richmond, Va.	.5
3AAI	Blake, John M.	2506 Maryland Ave., Baltimore, Md.	.5
3TV	Blanford, Irving	822 North St., Portsmouth, Va.	.5
3AGP	Blum, William	Portsmouth, Va. (portal-station).	.5
3ASU	Board of Public Education	1811 Arctic Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.	.5
3GN	Bonsall, Thomas F.	Lehigh Ave. and 8th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3EO	Boockins, John M., Jr.	Abington, Pa.	.5
3FX	Booz, Walter M.	213 Chester Ave., Glenolden, Pa.	.5
3AEM	Bott, James M.	237 W. Pine St., Wildwood, N. J.	.5
3ADA	Bourgeois, Edmund E.	1011 W. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3SN	Bowes, Joseph J.	901 Central Ave., Ocean City, N. J.	1.0
3TL	Bowman, Christian M.	2617 Agate St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3AIX	Bowman, Philip W.	150 E. Chestnut St., Lancaster, Pa.	.5
3RG	Bradley, Horace E.	202 E. Montgomery St., Baltimore, Md.	.5
3HJ	Bradshaw, R. B.	315 V St. N.E., Washington, D. C.	.5
3BO	Brady, John B.	239 Chestnut St., Haddonfield, N. J.	.5
3UZ	Braidwood, Thomas W.	Somerset, Md.	1.0
3AMS	Brandt, Bruce C.	Angles, N. J.	.5
3NZ	Brannin, Manli L.	932 Oak Hill Ave., Hazlet, Md.	.5
3EV	Brannan, Julian L.	4516 Pacific Ave., Wildwood, N. J.	.5
3SS	Brany, Emil B.	2632 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, Md.	.5
3ARD	Brautigam, Harry G.	241 Goep St., Bethlehem, Pa.	1.0
3ATN	Brice, James D.	5714 American St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3VE	Brenner, Samuel M.	Hyattsville, Md.	.5
3AGM	Breuil, James F.	5025 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.5
3AMI	Brineshults, Ralph	209 Rutgers St., Swarthmore, Pa.	.5
3ASM	Britt, Charles J.	Cedarville, N. J.	.5
3TP	Brittingham, Otis B.	Arlington, Pa.	.5
3JW	Brodbeck, J. Edward, Jr.	1038 North St., Portsmouth, Va.	.5
3HJ	Brockman, Francis C.	2723 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, Md.	.5
3DF	Brockway, Ladue M.	8 N. Main St., Nazareth, Pa.	1.0
3ANM	Bromley, George T., Jr.	154 Bickley Ave., Glenside, Pa.	.5
3AHS	Brown, Edwin H.	222 N. Fulton St., Allentown, Pa.	1.0
3AMT	Brown, Raymond H.	125 State St., Harrisburg, Pa.	.5
		633 10th St. N.E., Washington, D. C.	.5

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Signal Corps, where he rapidly moved up in rank to Sergeant First Class while still in his teens. He served honorably until the end of the war, and once discharged found his way back to South Philly and amateur radio, this time licensed as 3APE in 1920, and showing up with that call in the 1921 publication from the Bureau of Navigation. As is the case with many younger hams, life took precedence over radio, and after a short run with the new call Bernie last appears as 3APE in the 1923 edition. Now in his early-20's, married and starting a family, Bernie and his wife Adele settled in Upper Darby, PA to raise two sons and carve out his career. Thankfully for our story, Bernie's love of radio ran deep and when he found himself ready to devote more time to his radio passion, he made his way to the newly formed FCC to get licensed yet again. And this is where, right as NL7XM found it in that Flying Horse Callbook of Fall 1935, Bernie makes his initial appearance as W3FLH from his home on Maypole Rd., beginning that string of 30+ consecutive years of Callbook appearances.

Active in the hobby once more, Bernie really hit the ground running. Morse Code was now being sent via Continuous Wave (CW) transmissions, which replaced the old spark generators and transmitted much cleaner signals that made ham radio a more pleasant neighbor in urban settings such as the Bisciotti homestead. Being a fine telegrapher, Bernie soon joined the fledgling Frankford Radio Club, founded in the namesake section of Philadelphia and newly reorganized, and was a solid contributor to the club's early successes. He helped the club in winning the first 5 consecutive ARRL Sweepstakes, a string broken only by the suspension of amateur radio activity at the onset of the US entering WWII. Shortly after joining FRC, Bernie even won a competition among the membership to design the new QSL card for the club, as described on their website and evidenced by one of the two original QSL cards I have since obtained. The card, dated November 11, 1940 (Armistice Day, a fact surely not lost on the WWI veteran) and sent to a ham in California to confirm their contact in that year's Sweepstakes, has on the reverse, in Bernie's own hand, the story of his design having been chosen by FRC, with the front bearing the now iconic red-white-and-blue keystone logo that is still used by club members over 85 years later. In a fascinating coincidence, I, too, am a member of FRC, and while not nearly as skilled a CW-man as my predecessor, it's still an honor to bring the W3FLH call back to its contesting roots.



Hello Bob - Thanks for your card on 1940 S.S. tests. Our club intends to send our cards out in a group to all contacts. If 10+ more members worked same station - he will get 10 cards in package in lump. The design of this card is my own, and was chosen as club card in competition with the designs of others in the club & am glad you like it, hi! As you probably know our club has won S.S. four years in a row, perhaps we may also win for this year if some other club doesn't dark horse us. Well here's hoping! Best 73's Bob & hope to see in many more S.S. tests. worked 110 countries but has only 97 cards hi! Bernie.

Members and friends of the Frankford Radio Club, numbering among them many of the country's most active amateurs. (*Members of FRC.) Front Row: W3EER*, EP1C, W3FLH*, W2QKE*, W3CBT*, W3PN, W2RSO, W3IXN. Second Row: W3CHH*, W3KT*, W2FXN*, W2QXX*, G6CL (Secretary of RSGB), W3BES*, W3FUF*, W2QCL*, W3MFM*, W3GRS*, W2PG. Third Row: W3DOU, W3HFD*, W3EM, W3BXE*, W2HEH*, W3NAH*, W2RDK*, W3EVT, W3JBC*, W3JSU*. Back Row: W2PWP*, W2SAI*, W2AQW*, W3DWR, W3CPV*, HC1OE, W3GHD*, W3GYV*, W2PIN*, W3EQA*, W3AGV*.



At the end of WWII, hams were once again able to take to the airwaves. FRC took up where they left off, and Bernie remained an active part of the mix. In 1947, the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), which governs wireless communications across the globe, held their International Radio Conference in Atlantic City, NJ, the first since prior to the war, and FRC played host to several ham radio dignitaries from various countries. A photo of this event, with a contingent of FRC members and their honored guests, graced the pages of CQ Magazine at the time, with Bernie sitting prominently in the front row.

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Bernie remained active throughout the remainder of the decade, all through the 1950's and into the 1960's. His two boys grew up and started families of their own, taking with them many memories of their dad "pounding brass" while growing up in their Maypole Rd. home; the beam antenna on the roof was turned by a repurposed prop pitch motor, making a telltale hum whenever he was searching for a new multiplier or rare DX. Sadly, Bernie became a Silent Key in 1966. His callsign remained among those listed in the Callbook for some time after he passed, as noted by NL7XM who found him listed as late as the Winter edition of 1967. In a strange twist of fate, my own research turned up an even later listing for Bernie in the Summer edition of 1968, published for June/July/August of that year. I was born in June 1968 at the same time W3FLH disappeared from amateur radio, sitting dormant and unpublished my entire lifetime, seemingly waiting for me to come along and bring it back to the airwaves.

Neither of his boys followed Bernie into the amateur radio ranks, but the story doesn't end there: his oldest son, Joe, gave Bernie & Adele grandchildren, one of whom listened to the stories of his grandfather's on-air adventures, and even moved into the home in Upper Darby when he was starting a family of his own. This grandson, also named Bernie after his grandfather, came to ham radio upon retiring to Florida, and is now WB4PJC. In another random, yet seemingly meant to be, series of events, I was the focus of a ham radio-related article that was published in my local newspaper. The article was written by one of the paper's most popular reporters and came to the attention of a friend of Bernie's who lives in the area and diligently reads this reporters' stories. Knowing of Bernie's new-found passion for ham radio, but completely unaware of any connection between us, she sent him the story thinking that he'd find it fascinating, with the topic and locale of interest to him. Bernie immediately recognized his grandfather's old callsign from the article, never realizing that it had been re-issued and was once again active on the bands. His own curiosity now in full swing, he sent me an email by way of introduction, which led to a conversation between us, bringing the story full circle and completing the final link in this chain.

'HAMS' TO THE RESCUE



"When the power is out, when the (digital) infrastructure goes down, or other forms of communications are challenged, ham radio will be there. It's self-sufficient," said Tony Cuttone, sitting in his "radio shack" at home in Levittown.

PHOTOS BY JD MULLANE/BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES

Old school radio operators wired for action in case of emergency

JD Mullane
Bucks County Courier Times | USA TODAY NETWORK

NASA is prepping for an "internet apocalypse," sending a probe to gather data on solar flares that jam satellites, ending digital communications on earth for months, perhaps years. • And when that digital blackout comes, a group of Bucks County people will save our tails. • Meet the members of the Warminster Amateur Radio Club.

Yep, ham radio, more than a century old with roots in Morse Code, is alive and well and thriving. Recently, more than 30 members attended the club's June meeting to talk shop, and to enjoy the company of (mostly) men who testified to the motto of hams worldwide: "When All Else Fails."

"When the power is out, when the (digital) infrastructure goes down, or other forms of communications are challenged, ham radio will be there. It's self-sufficient," said Tony Cuttone, 54, of Levittown, who has had his ham radio license since 1992.

Hams do use computer tech to assist in sending and receiving. But what makes this old school tech indispensable is that no digital is required. Ham radio signals are malleable. While digital relies on satellite technology, ham radio is old-fashioned analog, communicating in megahertz and antennas (both above and below ground) on an infinite frequency dial. While sunspots also affect transmission of radio signals, with hams there's always a workaround.

"You can literally go around the world on as little as 5 watts," Cuttone said.

Hams, as they call themselves, are Bucks County's



Cuttone stands next to his ham radio antenna. "This isn't all of it," he said. "There are 30, 30-foot wires buried under my yard."

I would like to thank Pete NL7XM for his research and unknowingly getting me started on this journey. I want to thank Bernie WB4PJC as well, for opening the door with his email which allowed me to fill in some of the history that I wouldn't otherwise have known. We continue to talk, and I'm honored to help him learn as he broadens his ham radio horizons. And finally, I would like to thank Bernard J. Bisciotti, the original holder of W3FLH, without whom this story would not have near the character nor depth that it does. Amateur Radio is the greatest hobby in the world, and helped forge a new friendship the likes of which only ham radio could have accomplished.

-TC 9/14/23

Photos:

1. W3FLH QSL card, current: My QSL card, based directly on the design of the original holder of the call.
2. 1935 Amateur Callbook, Fall (from NL7XM): The picture sent by Pete NL7XM, showing the first listing of W3FLH.
3. 1916 Amateur Callbook, pg.106: The first appearance of Bernard J Bisciotti among the listings of radio amateurs. He held the "Call signal" 3FT and listed his parents' address of 608 Carpenter St. in Philadelphia.
4. W3FLH QSL card, ca1940: Original W3FLH QSL card for FRC members. Bernie writes to W6PBV explaining how the card is his design as chosen by the club from among several submissions.
5. CQ Magazine, October 1947, pg.28: The photo that appeared in the October 1947 issue of CQ Magazine, showing the FRC members along with other amateur radio dignitaries. Bernie is pictured in the front row, third from the left.
6. Bucks County Courier Times, June 21, 2023: The article that appeared in the Bucks County Courier Times, which was subsequently sent to WB4PJC.

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CONGRATS TO JOE - WA3SRU**Elmer's Corner**

Welcome to Elmer's Corner. This will be a section where hams can request help with ham related issues. Our goal is to match someone with experience with the issue you are having in order to resolve your problem. This is intended to cover all aspects of ham radio:

Equipment
Software
Antennas
Operations

Send the editor an email detailing the issue: wa4ywm@comcast.net.

2023 Contest Calendar

October

7-8 [Collegiate QSO Party](#)

October 7th 0000 UTC to October 8th 2359 UTC

16-20 [School Club Roundup](#)

1300 UTC Monday through 2359 UTC Friday

28-29 [CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB](#)

0000Z, Oct 28 to 2359Z, Oct 29

November

4-6 [Nov Sweepstakes-CW](#)

2100 UTC Saturday and runs through 0259 UTC Monday.

18-20 [Nov Sweepstakes-Phone](#)

2100 UTC Saturday and runs through 0259 UTC Monday.

QSO Parties

California QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 7 to 2200Z, Oct 8

Nevada QSO Party 0300Z, Oct 14 to 2100Z, Oct 15

Pennsylvania QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 14 to 0400Z, Oct 15 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 15

South Dakota QSO Party 1800Z, Oct 14 to 1800Z, Oct 15

New York QSO Party 1400Z, Oct 21 to 0200Z, Oct 22

Illinois QSO Party 1700Z, Oct 22 to 0100Z, Oct 23

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 2023 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, 1st Wednesday at 6:30. Levittown Library - Ben Johns, K3JQH, 215-657-5994

Telford, PA, RF Hill ARC. Indian Valley Library. Held the third Monday of odd months (January, March, May, July, September, November)
Contact: Jim Soete 215-723-7294
wa3ylq@arrrl.net.

Philadelphia, PA, Testing is done on the 3rd, non holiday Monday of the month at the Giant Supermarket, 315 York Rd., Willow Grove, 19090 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room. For further information contact James McCloskey at jmccloskey@msn.com and by phone 215-275-2979.

Lansdale, PA Testing on the fourth non-holiday Thursday 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@arrrl.net
Alt Contact: Jim, 610-287-5630

➤ ATLANTIC DIV. HAMFESTS
➤ 2023

October

1 [CARA Fest](#)

Howard County Fairgrounds 2210 Fairgrounds Road
West Friendship, MD 21794

<https://www.carafest.org>

14 [2023 Southern Maryland Tailgate Fest](#)

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department

24801 MD-235

Hollywood, MD 20636

<http://k3hki.org>

22 [RF Hill Hamfest 2.0](#)

Upper Bucks Campus - Bucks Co. Community College 313 Blooming Glen Rd.

Perkasie, PA 18944

<http://www.rfhillarc.club>

28 [Oktoberfest](#)

Vietnam Veterans Association Building 8000 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

CLUB INFO

PUBLIC SERVICE

Golf outing Part 2 on October 6th starting at 8:30 AM. Let George, N3HBT know if you are interested in helping.

CLUB STATION

The WARC club station is open to anyone with an interest, on the first Thursday of the month (meeting night) between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 pm. with the exception of the December dinner meeting 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 and are approved by the Board. Please contact the Membership Committee for more information if interested."

ATTENTION MEMBERS

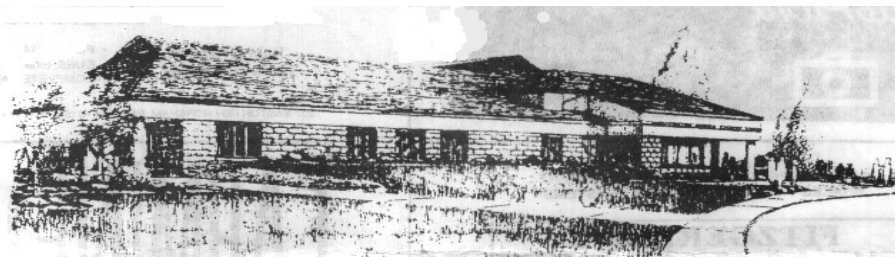
The Membership Committee can provide Club badges. Two types are available: an engraved plastic callsign and name badge for \$8 or a free, laminated plastic, photo ID badge/card. The photo id badge is included with your membership. Pictures for the club badge will be taken before club meetings on even numbered months. 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 2023

October - "Amateur Radio Astronomy" presented by Dennis Kidder W6DQ

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 the first Thursday of the month (meeting night) between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 pm. with the exception of the December dinner meeting . 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.

SKYWARN INFORMATION**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:

<https://www.weather.gov/phi/Info>

SKYWARN Basic Weather Spotter Educational Programs URL:

<https://www.weather.gov/phi/classes>

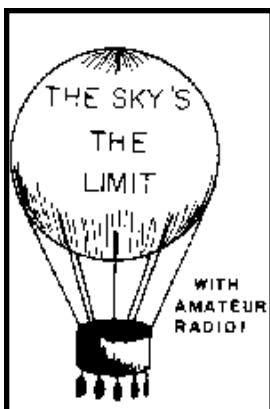
➤ CLUB EQUIPMENT

WARC has 2 Baofeng UV-5R dual band HT's and a Yaesu FT-2900 2M mobile that are available for use by members of the club.

The radios 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, Dave McGowan KC3RAT



*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, 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.

New Classes (Tech and General) to start Sept 13 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

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:

Lower Bucks NY3J-10

145.530 Bensalem

Net Schedules

Sunday	2000	10 Meter Net	28.445 MHz
Wednesday	2000	2 Meter Net	147.09 Rptr.
Wednesday	2000	Linked w/ 2 Meter Net	443.95
Rptr. Wednesday	2000	Linked w/ 2 Meter Net	53.230 Rptr.
Sunday	2030	Informal Net	223.5 Simplex
Thursday	1900	Mont. Cnty RACES Net	146.835 Rptr.

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
444.759 RF Hill Analog/
Fusion

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:

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Visit our Home Page at:

<http://www.k3dn.org>

The annual dues rate structure is as follows:

Full Member: \$25.00
Student: \$ 7.50
Alumni: \$12.50

- Are your dues current ?

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