



FEEDBACK



Web Site k3dn.org

Warminster Amateur Radio Club

November 2025

Next meeting November 6th - Cliff Hotchkiss Red Cross

President's Message

Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a appointed director (mcgowan2@comcast.net). The appointed board members serve from January to December. The Directors are members of the Executive Board and in conjunction with the elected Officers, have an equal vote on all questions and decisions of the Board. This is your chance to shape the future of our club.

Holiday dinner will be Thursday December 12/11 starting at 6:30 PM at Giuseppe's. **There will NO regular club meeting on Thursday 12/4.**

- This year we will have two rooms so we will have plenty of room.
- We will have a 50/50, and a raffle of a DX and HRO gift card.
- The Cost is \$27 per person.

Believe it or not, Hamfest is right around the corner. We are looking for someone to work with Tony this year to plan the Hamfest.

Presentations

- November - Cliff Hotchkiss red cross
- December - Holiday Dinner/Event
- January - Marty Squicciarini NR3Z Logbook of the world and how to send EQSL cards
- February - Club Auction (GM)
- March - Reliance Antenna

The club station is up and running, please stop by before the club meeting.

Thanks, Dave
K3FTD

General Meeting Minutes September 4th, 2025

Call to order at 7:30 PM

Introductions: Attendance 29

Minutes from last Club Meeting: Approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tom K3PLA -through 9/30
 - Full report available at the meeting for review.

- **Programs:** Dave K3FTD -
 - Nov – Cliff Hodges, American Red Cross
 - Dec –
 - Jan – Logbook of the World

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- O Feb – Club Auction
- O Mar – Matt from Reliance Antenna
- O Apr – tba
- O May – Hamfest Preparations
- O Jun – Field Day Preparations

• **Membership:** Tony W3FLH -

- O 109 active, 97 regular, 3 student, 5 Alumni; 26 expiring soon
- O Club members are reminded to log onto HamClubOnline.com to manage their profile information.

• **VE Testing:** Tony W3FLH –

- O Two new hams; one Tech, one General
- O Next session is Monday 10/29

• **Public Service:** George N3HBT -

- O Golf Outing is October 17. Contact George at N3HBT@ARRL.NET of your availability.
- O Bucks County Bicycle Club Covered Bridge Ride 10/12. Volunteer hams are needed from 7 AM to 2:30 PM. Anyone available should let Dean KC3JXT know. He can be reached on the 147.09 repeater, or at KC3JXT@arrl.net

Old Business:

• **Club Station Status:** - George N3HBT -

- O Is up and running. It was available prior to tonight's meeting and will continue to be available.

• **Help Is Needed:** Herb KB3VMN –

- O The club is looking for a Good and Welfare Chair, a Hamfest Co-Chair, Club Auction helpers. May people together will make the load lighter. If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact any Board member and let them know your interest in serving.

New Business:

Books from the Shed

Volunteers are needed to help with organizing the shed and moving the book shelves and collection back upstairs. Anyone able to help should let any one of the Board members know their availability.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Speaker: Mark Kempisty AA3K gave a talk on Parks on the Air. Slides of the presentation are available on WARC Talk.

General Class on Zoom

From Rol Anders, K3RA and the Phil Mont Mobile Radio Club

If you or anyone you know is interested, here is the information for our upcoming, free, live General Class Licensing course on Zoom. Please feel free to share the following announcement online or at your club meetings:

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A free, weekly, live, Amateur Radio General Class Licensing course on Zoom will begin on Thursday, October 30, and will run through Thursday, January 8 (9 sessions with no class on Thanksgiving or Christmas). The three-hour sessions will start at 6:30 PM Eastern Time. These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum. Participants in the course should have or be studying for the Amateur Radio Technician license. Please publicize this with anyone you know that you think would be interested. Those wishing to sign up should email me at roland.anders@...

Thanks.

73,

Rol Anders, K3RA

FCC Issues Notice of Violation for Unauthorized One-Way Transmissions and Denial of Inspection

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a *Notice of Violation (NoV)* to Mike F. Conte of Naples, Florida, citing alleged rule violations related to unauthorized transmissions and refusal to allow station inspection. The FCC notice by the Regional Director, Region One, Enforcement Bureau, was released on September 29, 2025, and includes that Conte holds an Amateur Radio Service license, KA2FPZ.

According to the Notice, FCC Enforcement Bureau agents from the New York Field Office conducted an investigation on March 17, 2025. Using direction-finding techniques, they located and monitored transmissions on 7.200 MHz emanating from a residence owned by Conte in Brookfield, Connecticut that appeared to be one-way broadcasts originating from KA2FPZ.

According to the FCC, Conte was “pretending to speak with a station he identified as KB2VBO,” -- a call sign not currently assigned to any licensee. No station responded to the transmissions, and the Notice included that “Conte later admitted to an agent that he was engaging in one-way communication that was neither allowed nor exempted under the rules.”

In addition to the alleged unauthorized broadcasting, the FCC reported that “Agents were denied access to the Residence,” in violation of the Commission’s rules.

The Notice of Violation outlines two specific rule violations:

47 CFR § 97.103(c) -- “The station licensee must make the station and the station records available for inspection upon request by an FCC representative.”

47 CFR § 97.113(b) -- “An amateur station shall not engage in any form of broadcasting, nor may an amateur station transmit one-way communications except as specifically provided in these rules . . .”

The Commission ordered Conte to respond in writing within 20 days of the Notice’s release, providing a detailed explanation of the circumstances, corrective actions taken, and a timeline for addressing any remaining issues. The FCC emphasized that the Notice does not preclude further action if warranted.

Courtesy ARRL Letter

Zoe Rodriguez Named 2025 Craigie Memorial Educator

Zoe Rodriguez, a teacher at the Raymond School in Franksville, Wisconsin — near Milwaukee — has been named the 2025 Carter Craigie, N3AO, Memorial Educator. Rodriguez serves as the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) teacher as well as the school’s technology integrator and library media specialist. She also started a club for 3rd through 8th graders called “Girls Who Code.” She attended the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology (TI) at ARRL Headquarters from October 6 – 9, 2025.

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Rodriguez, who previously was a Fulbright Scholar who taught English in Colombia, is concurrently participating in the Teacher Innovator Institute, a two-year program from the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum. She’s excited to integrate ama-

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teur radio and wireless technology into her broad experience she shares with students. “[TI] would provide tangible ways to help my students engage in critical thinking and solve real world problems... This program would allow me to create highly engaging and hands-on projects where my students could work collaboratively and build their communication skills. This will not only fit into, but strengthen, my curriculum as I currently teach the engineering design process, circuits, coding, robotics, 3D printing, and cardboard construction,” said Rodriguez.

The Carter Craigie, N3AO, Memorial Educator of the Year program funds a seat at the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology. It was created in 2024 through a generous endowment given by former ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, in memory of her late husband, Carter, who also was an avid radio amateur, first licensed in 1981.

A graduate of Woodberry Forest School and Williams College, Carter Craigie earned a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976. Despite life-long challenges with learning disabilities, Carter became a beloved educator. He taught fifth grade at Montgomery Country Day School in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. He also taught at Cabrini College in Radnor, Pennsylvania, retiring in 1995 after 25 years on the faculty as professor of English and Communications. He became a Silent Key in 2024.

Rodriguez looks forward to taking what she learned at TI and sharing it with other teachers at the Raymond School. “Not only will this support my teaching, but I will be able to support our general education teachers in integrating the concepts I learn to create more engagement in their curriculum,” she said.



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Talking Up a Storm and Amateur Radio in Pennsylvania

ARRL Atlantic Division Director Bob Famiglio, K3RF, made a TV appearance on WTXF-TV Fox29 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania’s “Talking Up a Storm” program on Sunday October 10, 2025.

Famiglio was the guest of meteorologist Drew Anderson and the talk was all things amateur radio, including a little history, gadgets and even how amateur radio helps when the weather turns dangerous.

“I made sure viewers received a better ‘definition’ of amateur radio operators,” said Famiglio. “We’re not just sitting in the basement messing with knobs and gadgets... We are ready to help with communications when needed.” Famiglio also had a chance to talk about ARRL’s nationwide grassroots PASS THE BILL campaign, to pass the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act that was introduced in February 2025.

Also joining the conversation was Lou Ruh, WX3I, Skywarn Pennsylvania Regional Coordinator, storm chaser, and meteorologist.

Famiglio said a video of the show, which was also broadcast on one of Fox29’s digital on-air channels, would be available in a couple of weeks.

Live News Stream: FOX 29 Philadelphia



2025 Contest Calendar

November

1-3 [Nov Sweepstakes–CW](#)

2100 UTC Saturday and runs through 0259 UTC Monday

15-17 [Nov Sweepstakes–Phone](#)

2100 UTC Saturday and runs through 0259 UTC Monday

23 North American SSB Sprint Contest

0000Z-0400Z

29-30 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30

December

5-7 [160 Meter](#)

Begins 2200 UTC Friday, ends 1559 UTC Sunday

13-14 [10 Meter](#)

Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; runs through 2359 UTC Sunday

21 [Rookie Roundup–CW](#)

1800 to 2359 UTC

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 2024 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@arrl.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@arrl.net
Alt Contact: Jim, 610-287-5630

➤ ATLANTIC DIV. HAMFESTS ➤ 2026

April 18 - [Delmarva Amateur Radio and Electronics Expo, ARRL Delaware State Convention](#)

Sussex Academy

21150 Airport Rd.

Georgetown, DE 19947

May 2- [The Great Hagerstown Hamfest](#)

Maugansville Church

17904 Binkley Ave.

Maugansville, MD 21767

<https://antietamradio.org/>

CLUB INFO

PUBLIC SERVICE

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 \$12.50 annually and are approved by the Board. Please contact the Membership Committee for more information if interested."

ATTENTION MEMBERS

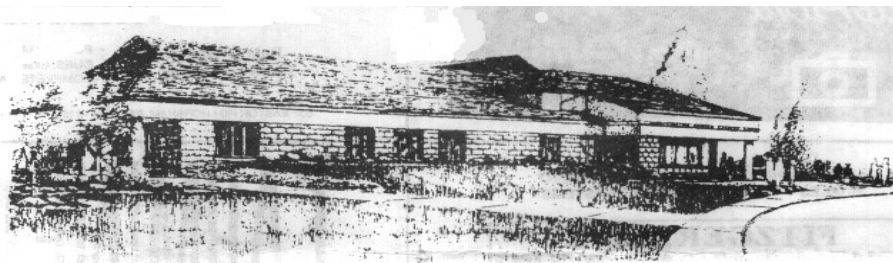
The Membership Committee can provide Club badges. Two types are available: an engraved plastic callsign and name badge for \$8 or a free, laminated plastic, photo ID badge/card. The photo id badge is included with your membership. Pictures for the club badge will be taken before club meetings on even 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 2025 - 2026

November - Cliff Hotchkiss will speak to the club about the Red Cross and Ham radio.
 December - Holiday Dinner
 January - Marty Squicciarini NR3Z Logbook of the world and how to send EQSL cards
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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

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 Bueggers
- 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

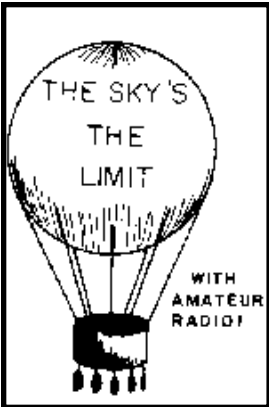
D-STAR

- 146.61000 K3PDR DV
- 445.18125 K3PDR DV
- 445.01875 AA3E Montco RACES

6 Mtr

- 53.030 WA3BXW
- 53.230 N3DQZ
- 53.320 K3MFI

*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.

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:

WARMrinfo@gmail.com

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 ?

2025 Officers

Executive Officers

President	Dave McGowan	K3FTD	215-850-5846
Vice-President	Scott Vogin	KB3ALX	
Secretary	Tony Simek	N3YNH	215-796-0336
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Director (E)	Herb Hickmott	KB3VMN	
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Director (E)	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
Past President	Ray Oechslin	KA3TRU	267-269-3198

Committee Chairpersons

ARES/RACES Liason	Karl Harris	K3KH	215-264-1855
ARRL Liason			
Awards Manager	Vince Pironti	KD3TC	215-674-0446
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Field Day 25	Herb Hickmott	KB3VMN	267-718-3601
Hamfest 25	Tony Cuttone	W3FLH	267-679-9297
Hamwear	Kathy Acker	KC3FBY	215-815-7978
Holiday Dinner	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
Membership	Tony Cuttone	W3FLH	267-679-9297
Net Manager	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
PA QSO Party	Mark Kempisty	AA3K	
Publicity	Herb Hickmott	KB3VMN	267-718-3601
Refreshments	Arlene Newman	KA3PLA	215-345-4539
RF Interference	Bill Ballantine	K3FMQ	215-766-0764
Repeater Coordinator	Brian Taylor	N3EXA	215-257-6303
Safety Officer	Mike Malone	W3MJM	215-639-2175
Station Trustee	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
Good and Welfare			
Township Liason	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
VE License Testing	Larry Abbott	WA3ELQ	215-704-3282
VHF/UHF/MW	George Altemus	KA3WXV	215-855-3856
Website Coordinator	Kathy Acker	KC3FBY	215-815-7978
Youth Programs			