



# FEEDBACK



Web Site [k3dn.org](http://k3dn.org)

Warminster Amateur Radio Club

December 2025

## Next meeting December 11th - Holiday Dinner

### President's Message

The Club station is up and running and is open to members on meeting nights at 6:45

The Holiday Dinner is Thursday December 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,

We will also have a raffle at \$20/ticket, you do not need to be present to win. The prize this year is the winner's choice of a \$500.00 gift card from either Ham Radio Outlet or DX Engineering. Contact Herb Hickmott KB3VMN ([trap5858@yahoo.com](mailto:trap5858@yahoo.com)) if you want a raffle ticket.

The Cost for the Holiday Dinner is \$27 per person, we would like RSVPs no later than Thursday, December 4 - see [http://wp.k3dn.org/calendar/?mc\\_id=1200](http://wp.k3dn.org/calendar/?mc_id=1200)

Upcoming presentations

- January - Marty Squicciarini NR3Z Logbook of the world and how to send EQSL cards
- February - Auction
- March - Reliance Antenna

Please consider volunteering as co-chair for the Ham Fest. You will work with Tony to learn the ropes. If interested please contact Tony ([w3flh@hotmail.com](mailto:w3flh@hotmail.com)) or me ([mcgowan2@comcast.net](mailto:mcgowan2@comcast.net)). If we do not find a volunteer, we may not be able continue this valuable club outreach.

The next VE session is Monday 12/29.

Please check around you shack, garage, or home to see if you have any items to donate for the club auction (More to come).

2026 is right around the corner, if you are interested in helping with one of these activities please contact a member of the board. It does not have to be one person many people together make for a lighter load and more enjoyable experience together.

- Board of Directors,
  - License Class Instructor,
  - Field Day,
  - Good and Welfare
  - Public Service,
  - Elmer,
  - Subject Matter Expert,
  - Ham Fest,
  - Holiday Dinner,
  - Club Auction,
  - Meeting Presentations,
  - VE License Testing,
- and many more.

Thanks, Dave  
K3FTD

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## Holiday Dinner

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to sign up for the WARC Holiday Dinner!

We have reserved additional space so that we will all be comfortable and so you can bring a guest!!!

The dinner will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM.  
This is the week after our regular monthly meeting.

Dinner will be held at:

Giuseppe's  
1380 W Street Road  
Warminster, PA 18974

If you are interested in attending, please click the link below to respond and purchase your seat at the table.  
[http://wp.k3dn.org/calendar/?mc\\_id=1200](http://wp.k3dn.org/calendar/?mc_id=1200)

The cost per person is \$27.00.

We would like RSVPs no later than Thursday, December 4.

We look forward to the evening and seeing everyone!

## General Meeting Minutes September 4th, 2025

Due to Speaker constraints, speaker went first tonight:

Cliff Hodgkiss KC3PGT, American Red Cross SEPA DST Regional Lead

Call to order at 8:12 PM

Introductions: Attendance 31

Minutes from last Club Meeting: Approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tom K3PLA -through 10/31
  - Full report available at the meeting for review.
- **Programs:** Dave K3FTD -
  - Dec – There is **NO** meeting on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>, instead the Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> at Giuseppe's in Warminster. There will be a raffle for a \$500 Gift Card (winners' choice either Ham Radio Outlet or DX Engineering). \$20 each chance to be drawn at the dinner.
  - Jan – Logbook of the World, [Marty Squicciarini NR3Z](#)
  - Feb – Club Auction
  - Mar – Matt from Reliance Antenna
  - Apr – Possibly Home Brew Night and maybe Go Kits
  - May – Hamfest Preparations

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○ Jun – Field Day Preparations

● **Membership:** Tony W3FLH -

○ 111 active, 103 regular, 3 student, 5 Alumni; 26 expiring soon

○ Club members are reminded to log onto HamClubOnline.com to manage their profile information.

● **VE Testing:** Tony W3FLH –

○ 10/27 session 2 passed; 1 Extra, 1 General

○ Next session is Monday 11/24

● **Public Service:** George N3HBT -

○ Public service events are done for this year.

Old Business:

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

○ Is up and running. It was available prior to tonight's meeting and will continue to be available. Next available prior to the January

● **Help Is Needed:** Herb KB3VMN –

○ The club is looking for a Good and Welfare Chair, a Hamfest Co-Chair, Club Auction helpers. Many 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 up stairs. Anyone able to help should let any one of the Board members know their availability.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

## **Amateur Radio Digital Communications Funding Opportunities**

If you or your club are developing projects that advance amateur radio or digital communications, now's a great time to apply for Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) grant funding, with the next application deadline on February 1, 2026. The foundation has been awarding grants since 2019, supporting a wide range of initiatives that strengthen and expand the amateur radio and digital communications communities.

ARDC's priority areas for funding reflect the organization's broader vision and strategy for supporting experimentation, education, and open technology within the amateur radio and digital communications communities. They are especially interested in projects that align with these three areas:

- **Research & Development (R&D):** Open hardware and software systems that enable learning and experimentation, such as software defined radios, open codec technologies, and new modulation techniques.
- **Space-Based Communications:** Projects that create or expand access to satellite communications for amateur radio and digital communications, engaging communities in wireless experimentation programs, such as repurposed commercial satellites, and space-based tools for learning.

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- Open Source Education: Scalable, open educational materials and hands-on projects that make amateur radio and digital communications more accessible, especially for new learners and clubs.

Proposals are welcome across the full range of projects that align with these areas and remain a priority in ARDC grantmaking decisions.

Learn more about these priority areas and ARDC at [ARDC.net](http://ARDC.net).

*Courtesy ARRL Letter*

## **New ARRL Technician Class LIVE Video Course for Ham Radio Licensing**

Do you have family, friends, or neighbors eager to get on the air? Introduce them to the new ARRL Technician Class LIVE Video Course! The course includes everything needed to prepare for the FCC Technician Class amateur radio license exam. Enrollment is open now for the two-day course, which will take place December 20 - 21, 2025.

Join ARRL Education Specialist Wayne Greene, KB4DSF, for this interactive online class. “We’re going to have fun!” said Greene. “I’ll guide you through operating your first ham radio to how to communicate through amateur radio satellites. We are going to get fully immersed in every question and answer with the info you need to pass the test!”

In addition to live instruction, course participants will receive the popular Technician Class prep book from ARRL National Instructor Gordon West, WB6NOA, which has helped thousands of new hams get licensed with fast results. One-year of ARRL Membership is also included, ensuring these new hams will have quick access to all ARRL benefits, services, and programs.

Course Includes:

Two days of LIVE instruction with expert ARRL Education Specialist Wayne Greene, KB4DSF

Technician Class prep book by Gordon West, WB6NOA

One-year of ARRL Membership

Those who remember ARRL’s recorded video courses of the past will recall how valuable it is to see and hear lively video instruction. This new course will ensure students have an even more personal, interactive experience. Greene will present the material in bite-sized sections, demonstrating just how much fun amateur radio is!

Visit the ARRL Shop to complete the paid enrollment for a special introductory price of \$99. Registrants will receive a follow-up email with instructions for registering for the live video course after completing your order. If you have any questions regarding the course, please contact the ARRL Education and Learning Department at 860-594-0285 or email [ead@arrl.org](mailto:ead@arrl.org).

*Courtesy ARRL Letter*

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## 2025 - 2026 Contest Calendar

**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

**January****1 [Straight Key Night](#)**

0000 UTC - 2359 UTC

**3 [Kids Day](#)**

1800 UTC through 2359 UTC

**3-4 [RTTY Roundup](#)**

1800 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday

**10-11 [North American QSO Party, CW](#)**

1800Z, Jan 10 to 0559Z, Jan 11

**18-19 [North American QSO Party, SSB](#)**

1800Z, Jan 17 to 0559Z, Jan 18

**17-19 [January VHF](#)**

1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0359 UTC Monday

**23-25 [CQ World Wide 160 Meter Contest CW](#)**

2200Z, Jan 23 to 2200Z, Jan 25

**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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:membership@k3dn.org).

If you want to have your picture taken to be placed on the 'Members' Photos' section of the [www.k3dn.org](http://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

December - Holiday Dinner

January - Marty Squicciarini NR3Z Logbook of the world and how to send EQSL cards

February – Club Auction

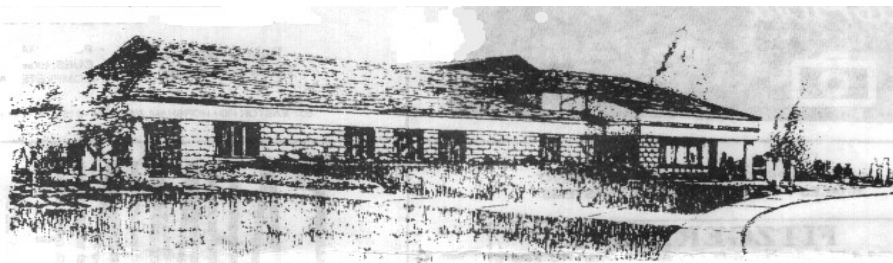
March – Matt from Reliance Antenna

Apr – Possibly Home Brew Night and maybe Go Kits

May – Hamfest Preparations

June – Field Day Preparations

**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

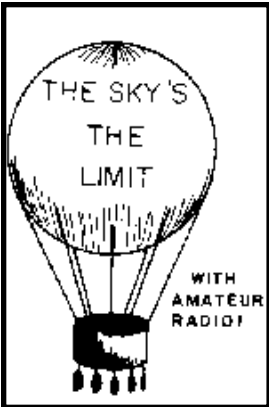
**D-STAR**

- 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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
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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			
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Hamwear	Kathy Acker	KC3FBY	215-815-7978
Holiday Dinner	George Brechmann	N3HBT	215-443-5656
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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
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